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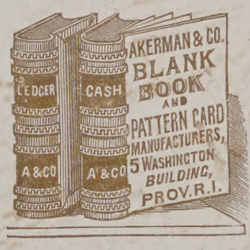

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Quota of the Several Quar
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Yearly Meeting held at Port
in 1887

	1888	1887
Rhode Island	23 %-	23 %
Salem	17	17 "
Sandwich	30	30 "
Falmouth	5	6 "
Smithfield	5	5 "
Vassalboro	5	5 "
Dover	3½	4
Fairfield	10	10
Parsonsfield	1½	100 %
	100 %	

New apportionment of Quarterly Meeting Stock as revised by the Yearly Meeting 6 mo 1892 viz.

2d. We have made a new apportionment of the sums to be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting as follows, viz.:—

Rhode Island	Quarterly	Meeting,	22	per cent.	550 -
Salem	"	"	18	"	450
Sandwich	"	"	20	"	500
Falmouth	"	"	8½	"	212 50
Smithfield	"	"	6	"	150 00
Vassalboro	"	"	5½	"	137 50
Dover	"	"	6	"	150 00
Fairfield	"	"	12	"	300 00
Parsonsfield	"	"	2	"	50 00
					2500 00

Newport, Sixth Month, 14, 1892, For the Representatives.

OWEN DAME, *Clerk.*

Quotas of the Several Monthly Meetings of Quarterly Meeting Stock as revised by said Meeting in 8 mo. 1879

Rhode Island	Mo	Mtg	35.	percent
Greenwich	"	"	5	" "
Swansea	"	"	28	" "
Providence	"	"	28	" "
South Kingstown	"	"	4	" "
		Total	100	

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Second month 1872.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 1st of 2nd month 1872.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are from,
Rhode Island, Jacob Chace, Jacob Mott, and Stephen Chace. from

Greenwich Perez Peck, Edward Buffington. from

Swansey Darius Buffington, Rowland G. Buffington. and Nathan Chace. from

Providence, Thomas Harkness, James Dennis, and William G. Coffin. from

South Kingston, Edward W. Collins and William H. Perry. who are present except two.

Thomas Harkness on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing Gideon C. Smith for Clerk and Samuel Austin for assistant, with which the meeting united and they were accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Rhode Island and Swansey report having paid their Quota's of Stock to our Treasurer.

Our beloved friend Catharine Moore attended this meeting with a minute from Pickering Monthly Meeting, held 8th mo. 10th. 1871. endorsed by Yonge Street Quarterly meeting certifying unity with her as a Minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Rachel Doyle attended this meeting as companion to Catharine Moore with a minute from Yonge Street Monthly meeting certifying unity with her as an Elder and with her present engagement, her company has been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, minutes prepared for them in the women's meeting in accordance with the above.

With the concurrence of our women's meeting we unite with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jacob Mott to the Station of Elder.

We unite with the women's meeting in the appointment of Susanna Mott to the Station of Elder.

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting we conclude, proposing to meet at Greenwich in the 5th month next, if the Lord permit.

Gideon C. Smith
Clerk

Fifth month 1872.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich the 2nd of 5th mo 1872.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings, the representatives are from
Rhode Island, Jacob Mott, Thomas B. Buffum, and Stephen Chace. from

Greenwich, Perez Peck. Solomon R. Knowles.

Swansey, Charles M. Chace. Samuel R. Buffington, and Nathan Chace. from

Providence, Thomas Harkness, Joseph H. Atwater. and James Dennis. from

South Kingston, John Babcock, and Edward W. Collins who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which the following summary has been prepared, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our friends, Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck, Albert K. Smiley, Thomas E. Steere, Stephen Chace, Joseph Cartland, Joseph H. Atwater, Jacob Mott, George Bowen, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Austin, and Abel F. Collins who are appointed our representatives.

A Testimony from Providence Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Gilbert Congdon was read and approved by this meeting, and directed to be forwarded to the meeting for Sufferings.

Our esteemed friend Huldah M. Beede laid before this meeting a prospect that had for a considerable time rested on her mind of attending the Yearly Meetings of Canada, Iowa, and Western, and to attend the opening of Kansas Yearly Meeting, to attend some meetings by appointment or otherwise within their limits, and if way should open for it to attend some meetings going and returning as expressed in a Certificate from Providence Monthly meeting, which being considered was united with, she being a minister in unity with us. The Clerk is directed to sign an indorsement to said Certificate prepared in the women's meeting similar to the above, and Perez Peck Abner Slade, and Thomas Harkness, are appointed a Committee with whom she may confer in regard to her contemplated visit.

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we propose to the Yearly Meeting, that the time of holding our Quarterly Meeting be changed from 11 Oclock to 10 1/2 Oclock. A.M.

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting we conclude, proposing to meet at Newport in the 8 th. mo next if the Lord permit.

Gideon C Smith Clerk

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends,
Dear Friends,
The Queries have been read in this meeting

with answers from each of our Monthly meetings from which the following summary has been prepared, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our Friends, Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck, Albert K. Smiley, Thomas E. Steere, Stephen Chace, Joseph Cartland, Joseph H. Atwater, Jacob Mott, George Bowen, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Austin, and Abel J. Collins, who are appointed our representatives.

We received from Charles R. Tucker, Clerk of the Yearly Meeting 380 Copies of printed minutes of the men's meeting, 285 copies of printed minutes of the women's meeting, 19 copies of Epistles, 13 copies of Boarding School Report, 550 copies of the article issued by women's Yearly Meeting on the subject of Peace. 750 copies of London general Epistle of 1870. all of which have been forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our portion of Stock called for by minute of last year.

We have united with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Charlotte D. Holmes.

We have united with Rhode Island Monthly meeting in the appointment of Jacob Mott and Susahna Mott to the station of Elder.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting reports that Sarah Leighton a member and Elder of that meeting died 12 th. month 14. th. 1871. aged 81 years, and 27 days

South Kingston Monthly meeting reports that Hannah Knowles a member and Elder of that meeting died 1st. mo 1st 1872 aged eighty eight years two months and sixteen days.

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we propose that the time of holding our Quarterly Meeting be changed from 11 O'clock to 10 1/2 O'clock A. M.

On behalf and by direction of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich the 2nd. of 5th. mo 1872.

Summary

Ans 1st.

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except 23 cases, (in small meetings) for most of which, sufficient reasons were assigned.

Those on the morning of First day, by Friends generally. in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are much neglected. The hour nearly observed; Some instances of sleeping. Of all other unbecoming behaviour clear.

2nd.

Love and unity pretty well maintained; detraction mostly guarded against.
When differences have appeared endeavours have been used to end them.

3rd.

Friends endeavour to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel. to restrain from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation; Mostly good examples themselves.

The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

4th.

Spirituous liquors with one exception confined to medicinal purposes; taverns and places of public resort avoided; moderation and temperance observed on the occasions referred to.

5th.

The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved; their children partake of learning. None placed out.

Ans 6th.

Friends are very generally careful as regards the requisitions of this query.

7th.

With a little exception in one Monthly meeting in regard to a paid ministry, we believe our testimonies are maintained in the several parts of this query.

8th.

Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; punctual to their promises with little exception and just in the payment of debts and endeavour to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th.

Careful as to records. Several removals without Certificates, some care taken.

10th.

Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

Eighth Month 1872

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th mo 1st. 1872.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives are from
Rhode Island, David Buffum, Jacob Mott and Isaac Hathaway.

Greenwich, Perez Peck, and Jonathan Freeborn.

Swansey, Nathan Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton, and Hiram Buffinton.

Providence Thomas Harkness, James Dennis, and Samuel Austin.

South Kingston, John Babcock, and George S. Gould who are present except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. from each of our Monthly meetings.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, they all attended.

Our beloved friend Lewis Bedell attended this meeting with a minute from Poughkeepsie Monthly Meeting indorsed by Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting certifying unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth L. Comstock attended this meeting with a minute from Rollin Monthly Meeting, indorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting, certifying unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared in the women's meeting.

Our beloved friend John T. Comstock attended this meeting with a minute from Rollin Monthly Meeting certifying unity with him as an Elder, his company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Obadiah Chace a Minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting a prospect of religious service within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and should way open for it a few meetings in the States of Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas, also some meetings going and returning as expressed in his minute from Swansey Monthly Meeting, which being fully united with he was left at liberty to pursue this prospect as Truth may open the way. M Slade & T Harkness, committee with whom he may consult in regard to his proposed visit. Received the following minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to Stock. we appoint Thomas Harkness, James Dennis and George Bowen to settle the Treasurer's account, and to see what sum is necssary to be raised by this meeting, and propose a friend for Treasurer and report to our next meeting. * See page 9th.

We have received the following minute from the Yearly Meeting in regard to General Meetings whereupon we appoint Joseph E. Macomber, Thomas B. Buffum, Solomon R. Knowles, Jonathan Freeborn, Albert K. Smiley, Joseph H. Atwater, Nathan Chace, Samuel R. Buffington, Abel F. Collins, and Peter H. Collins to cooperate with the Yearly Meetings Committee in considering of any application and deciding the same which may be made for holding a General Meeting.

The Committee are requested to report to this meeting in the 11th mo next.

" At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends,
held in the sixth month, 1872.
General Meetings.

By the reports received from four of our Quarterly Meetings, a request was contained therein that this meeting would take under solid and prayerful consideration the subject of holding General Meetings for Divine worship within its limits, under the care and direction of a committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting.

This subject being one of vital importance, the meeting during the consideration of it was deeply exercised to know the mind of Truth, and a very full expression was given in favour of granting the request, and the men and women representatives now in the attendance of this meeting are requested to confer together, and present to a future sitting of both men and women friends, in separate sessions, the names of suitable friends to compose a committee to take charge of this concern on behalf of this meeting.

And our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with our committee in considering of any application, and deciding the same, which may be made for holding a General Meeting.

And when permission is granted for holding such meetings, it will be the duty of the committee to see that a suitable portion of their number are in attendance thereof, and take the meeting under their care and direction; and they are to report to this meeting next year.

Names of Committee. - George Bowen, Gideon C. Smith, Cynthia Bowen, Gertrude W. Cartland, Samuel Boyce, John Paige, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M Hanson, William C. Taber, David K. Akin, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Abraham Winslow, Elisha Jones, Jane C. Minot, Eunice D. Cartland, Richard Batley, Samuel H. Colton, Ann K. Colton, Lydia Haight, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Sybil Jones, Ann E. Lang. Albert C. Buffum, Joseph H. Pratt, Martha E. Pratt, Hannah G.W Sawyer, Joseph Taylor, Charles F. Coffin, Sen., Lavinia M. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Abner Slade, Thomas E. Steele, Stephen Beede, Edward W. Howland. Rachel S. Howland. Maria B. Jones, Eliza P. Gardner and Ruth S. Wood.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting.
Charles R. Tucker, Clerk."

"* At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held in the 6 month 1872.

It is concluded to raise for the service of this meeting the present year, $5.000.- dollars, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer George Howland Jr their respective proportions of that sum.

The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is 23 per cent $1.150.

Extracted from the minutes.
Charles R. Tucker Clerk.

We have received the following minute from the Yearly Meeting in regard to the Revision of Discipline.

"At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends,
Held in the Sixth Month, 1872.

The several articles which have been adopted in this meeting have now become its discipline, and our subordinate meetings are directed to be governed by its provisions when official copies of this minute are received by them, and also copies of the work.

We appoint Charles Taber, John Milton Earle, Henry T. Wood, and William C. Taber, to cause an edition of 1,000 copies to be printed in good plain type, and to furnish all our subordinate meetings with the number of copies required for their use. The balance of the

edition to be placed in the hands of the treasurer of this meeting, to be sold to our members at cost.
Extracted from the minutes of the meeting.
Charles R. Tucker Clerk.

We received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting
360 Copies of Printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting.
Our Quota of Printed London General Epistle of 1871.
15 copies of the Committee in Charge of the Boarding school. 15 Copies of minutes in regard to the revision of the Discipline.
15 copies of minutes in regard to General Meetings. which have been forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

The Yearly Meeting united with this meeting in the proposition to change the time of holding our Quarterly Meetings from 11 to 10½ O'clock in the forenoo

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting at this time we conclude purposing to meet at Fall River at 10½ O'clock in the 11th. mo. next if the Lord permit.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

(1872)

BOARDING SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee appointed to have the charge and oversight of the boarding school at Providence, report that they have endeavored to discharge the duty assigned them, and that they can thankfully acknowledge that, with the divine blessing on their efforts and the faithful cooperation of the officers and teachers, the school has sustained its previous high character, and we trust has been a blessing to many of its inmates. Harmony has prevailed in the establishment, the discipline of the school has been maintained, and the pupils have shown a satisfactory progress in their studies. The number of pupils during the Autumn term was one hundred ninety-one, viz., one hundred nineteen boys and seventy-two girls; Spring term, one hundred seventy, viz., one hundred eight boys and sixty-two girls.

The officers of the school the past year have been: Albert K. Smiley, principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, George E. Dudley, Bessie T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Science; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of Mathematics; Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin, and German; Charles H. Gates, teacher of French; J. Lewis Diman, lecturer on History; and Katharine H. Austin, teacher of Drawing.

The pupils and family attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons and in the middle of the week. First-day afternoons are occupied with scripture lessons by the whole school. Portions of scripture are daily read to the assembled school in the morning, and also before retiring to their rooms at night.

The committee have felt that there was cause for thankfulness in witnessing the general good conduct of the young people attending the school, and the evident religious concern that they have observed to prevail among the officers and teachers, and in a hopeful and encouraging degree with many of the pupils. They would commend the school, and those associated in its management, to the prayerful interest of friends.

During the last summer vacation the large lodging-rooms occupied by the boys were divided into smaller rooms; two new passageways were opened, connecting the first and second stories of the central building with the boys' wing; the nurseries were greatly improved by the addition of a new bath-room in each story, and other needful accessories; the class-rooms were refitted and refurnished, and a new steam cooking apparatus was introduced into the kitchen. The whole expense of these repairs and improvements was $8,721.33.

The indebtedness of the school, as shown by the report of the committee last year, was $149.05; but when the settlement for the school year ending 6 mo. 30, 1871, was made, there proved to be $1,441.78 more of profit than was estimated, which paid the debt and left a balance in favor of the school of $1,292.73. The estimated earnings of the school for the present year are $3,024, making the gross assets $4,316.73, which, deducted from the amount expended in alterations and improvements before stated, $8,721.33, leaves an indebtedness of $4,404.60.

The auditing committee have also presented a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the School Fund and of the Charitable Fund, including the E. Metcalf and other donations, which are as follows:

SCHOOL FUND, 5 MO., 1872.

Cr.	Balance on hand last year,	$17.06	
	Income of the fund,	6,974.70	
	Returned insurance premium,	236.59	$7,228.35
Dr.	Paid insurance premium,	$305.00	
	Paid A. K. Smiley per receipts,	6,904.97	
	Balance in hand 5 mo., 1872,	18.38	$7,228.35

CHARITABLE FUND, &c.

Cr.	On hand last year, 5 mo., 1871,	$1,209.73	
	* Income from the fund,	2,309.52	$3,519.25
Dr.	Paid school bills, tuition of 27 scholars,	$2,700.00	
	Balance in hand 5 mo., 1872,	819.25	$3,519.25

Since their last report the committee have, as empowered by the Yearly Meeting, sold the lot of land cut off from the school premises

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* The income from these funds will not be likely to exceed $2,000 the ensuing year.

by the extension of Thayer street for $17,732.75, which amount was placed in the hands of Thomas Harkness, treasurer of the school fund.

On the receipt of the above named sum the committee felt authorized to proceed with the proposed addition to the west wing of the school building, and accordingly an addition is now in course of erection seventy-six feet long and forty-four wide, three stories high, the first floor of which is to be occupied for the boys' school-room, and the second and third floors as lodging rooms for the boys and their teachers. This arrangement will give the boys a commodious schoolroom more than twice the size of their present one, and will add materially to the comfort and welfare of pupils and teachers. The old schoolroom will be divided into class-rooms for recitations, which are much needed.

In the 4th month last the subcommittee appointed to have charge of the erection of the new building, was authorized to make the necessary contracts to complete the alterations and improvements contemplated in the west wing of the main building, in connection with the new one. The estimates now presented are as follows:

Estimated cost of new building,	$25,000.00
For steam heating apparatus, alterations in dining-rooms and class-rooms, new drains, and expense of introducing aqueduct water, &c.,	16,394.00
	$41,394.00
To meet this outlay there has been received for land sold,	$17,732.75
Claim on the city of Providence for land taken for Thayer st., say	6,000.00
	$23,732.75
Deficiency,	$17,661.25
Add balance of indebtedness before reported,	4,404.60
Leaving a balance unprovided for of	$22,065.85

This, it is thought, can be paid by the income from the school in a few years of ordinary success, as the net profit for the past five years has been over twenty-five thousand dollars.

It is proposed that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing school year of forty weeks, be the same as last year, viz.:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	$100 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00
For all others that may be admitted,	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing. One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

On behalf and by direction of the committee.
Wm. C. Taber, Clerk.

Note. — The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 4, 1872, and closes 1 mo. 22, 1873.
The Winter recess begins 1 mo. 22, 1873, and closes 2 mo. 5, 1873.
The Spring term begins 2 mo. 5, 1873, and closes 6 mo. 25, 1873.

Regulations of the School Committee. — Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the first of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicants.

All applications should be made to the principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Eleventh Month 1872.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 7th. of 11th. mo. 1872.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are from

Rhode Island, Levi Almy, Jacob Mott, George Bowen. from

Greenwich, Charles W. Earle, and Perez Peck. from

Swansey, Nathan Chace, Leonard Underwood and Darius Buffington. from

Providence, Thomas Harkness, James Dennis, and Thomas J. Battey. from

South Kingston, Edward W. Collins, George A. Gould. who are all present except one.

Our beloved friend Amos Bond attended this meeting, with a minute from Deer Creek Monthly Meeting, indorsed by Mississinewa Quarterly meeting certifying unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Edward C. Young attended this meeting with a minute from Goshen Monthly Meeting, Logan County, Ohio, indorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting, expressing unity with him as a minister, his company and religious services have been acceptable.

Our beloved friend Nowell Hoxie attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is authorized to furnish each of them with returning minutes signed on behalf of the meeting.

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Eleventh Month 1872.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes made the following report, which is satisfactory to the meeting, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their several Quotas of Stock to James Dennis whom we appoint our Treasurer, and Thomas Harkness is appointed to transfer the accounts from the former Treasurer.

" To the Quarterly Meeting.
The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account &c —— Report attention to the service. Balance due the Treasurer, Five dollars and thirty five cents —— and propose that Fifteen hundred dollars be raised for the use of the meeting, and James Dennis for Treasurer.

Providence 10 th. Month 25 th. 1872.
Thomas Harkness
James Dennis
George Bowen." Committee.

The Committee on General Meetings Report they have been mindful of their appointment but are not prepared to report further at this time, they are desired to report at our next meeting.

Under a sense that "the Mercy of the Lord endureth forever" and having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude, proposing to meet at Providence in the 2 nd. month next if the Lord permit.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

Second Month 1873

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2d mo. 6th 1873.

By accounts received at this time from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are from

Rhode Island – Stephen Chase, Jacob Mott, Wm Sherman
Greenwich – [illegible] R. Knowles & Ezra Peck
Swanzey – David Chase, Philip [illegible] & Nathan Chase
Providence – Joseph R. [illegible], Joseph Cartland & James Davis.
South Kingstown – Wm H. Perry, John C. Knowles – two absent.

Ezra Peck on behalf of the representatives informed that as our friend Gideon C. Smith who has long & faithfully served this meeting as clerk, now desires to be released, they would propose Samuel Austin for clerk and Charles W. Earle for assistant clerk; which having been united with, they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year.

Our beloved Friend Eli Jones attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from China Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him as a minister & in his present religious engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved Friend Thomas B. [illegible] attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from [illegible] Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister & in his present religious engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish each of these Friends with a copy of the minute made on his account.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2d, and 10th.

Greenwich, Swanzey & Rhode Island Monthly Meetings report that they have paid their respective proportions of stock to our Treasurer.

With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we unite with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah B. Williams to the station of elder.

The committee on General Meetings inform that they have been mindful of their appointment, but that they are not prepared to present a report at this time.

Our friend Obadiah Chase returned to this meeting the copy of our minute furnished him in the 8th mo. last & informs us that he had been enabled to accomplish the service he then

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had in view, to the peace of his own mind; which is satisfactory to us.

Thomas Harkneſs informs that he has transferred the books and accounts from our former Treasurer to James Dennis, the present Treasurer.

With the concurrence of the women's meeting, we unite with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearances in the ministry of Abner Potter Jr.

The "New Discipline" having at this time, been received from the committee charged with the care of printing and furnishing it, and our subordinate meetings having also been provided for, it now becomes our discipline, and said meetings are directed to conform to its provisions

Having, in love, disposed of the business before us, at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet at East Greenwich in the 5th Mo. next, if the Lord permit

Samuel Austin, Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich on the 1st. of 5th month 1873.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the representatives to this meeting are from

Rhode Island - Stephen Chase, Abner Potter Jr., Isaac Hathaway
Greenwich - Perez Peck and Jonathan Freeborn
Swansea - Obadiah Chase, Nathan Chase, Philip J. Tripp
Providence - James Dennis, Joseph L. Holmes, Thomas Harkness
So. Kingstown - Wm. T. Collins, John Babcock & Peter H. Collins
who are present.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings. We have adopted the subjoined summary which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our Friends Perez Peck, Nathan Chase, William Sherman, Saml R. Buffinton, Thomas B. Buffum, Peter H. Collins, Thomas Harkneſs, Stephen Chase, Joseph Cartland, Gideon C. Smith, George L. Collins, and Obadiah Chase whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

Our beloved Friend Lemuel Gifford attended this meeting and presented a copy of a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and in his present religious engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs that they have appointed Abner Potter Jr. Correspondent; Address, Portsmouth R. I.

Providence and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings inform that they have paid their proportion of stock

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay our proportion to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

This meeting has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles W. Earle to the station of elder, the Women's meeting concurring and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph C. Anthony, Nathan Chase and Phebe S. Anthony to the same station, in concurrence with the Women's Quarterly Meeting. South Kingstown Monthly Meeting informs that they have discontinued the meetings at Peace Dale in the middle of the week except on the days of holding the Preparative Meeting

On consideration of the following minute from Greenwich Monthly Meeting we have concluded to unite with them in the changes proposed, viz

"In view of the fewness of our members who are in a condition to attend our Monthly Meetings and the small amount of business which usually claims our attention, this meeting has, in joint session, taken into its deliberate & weighty consideration, the discontinuance of a portion of them which has resulted in the conclusion to ask the Quarterly Meeting to allow us to hold only those preceding each Quarter; — to be held at Coventry in Spring and Summer & at East Greenwich in Fall & Winter, the midweek meetings only to be omitted when those Monthly Meetings are held: — also the discontinuance of our meetings during the session of the Yearly Meeting

Extracted from the minutes of Greenwich Monthly Meeting held at Coventry 4th mo. 28th 1873. Solomon R. Knowles
Clerk"

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The condition of several of the meeting houses within this Quarterly Meeting having at this time been under consideration, we appoint Benjamin Buffum, Thomas B. Buffum, Obadiah Chase, George Bowen George L. Collins and Peter H. Collins to consult with such committees as Monthly Meetings may appoint on this account and report their judgement as to any needed repairs, at our next meeting

Accounts from our our Monthly Meetings give the following information an abstract of which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting, viz: for the past year

	Births	Deaths	Removals in	Removals out	Admissions	Discontind	Present No,
R. I. Monthly Mtg	0	3	3	0	1	0	95
Greenwich do.	0	2	0	1	0	0	58
Swansea "	0	5	10	1	0	2	191
Providence "	3	3	11	4	0	1	267
South Kingstown "	1	1	0	0	0	0	63
Total	4	14	24	6	1	3	674

Swansea Monthly Meeting informs that William Chase an elder died 10th mo. 26th 1872 aged [illegible] years, 4 months 21 days & that Ruth B. Buffinton an elder died 2d mo. 9th 1873 aged 75 years, 15 days.

Providence Monthly Meeting has discontinued the midweek meeting at Lower Smithfield, the Preparative Meeting being monthly held at Cumberland

Having disposed of the business before us, we conclude, under some sense, we trust, of the loving-kindness and mercy still extended to us, purposing to meet at Newport in the eighth month next, if the Lord permit.

Samuel Austin, clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England
Dear Friends

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings Of these we have adopted the subjoined Summary, which we forward for your information by our Friends Peter Peck, Nathan Chase, William Sherman, Samuel R. Buffinton Thomas B. Buffum, Peter H. Collins, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Chase, Joseph Cartland, Gideon C. Smith Geo. L. Collins & Obadiah Chase whom we appoint to attend the Yearly Meeting as representatives.

We received from you, in due course, 360 copies of the Printed Minutes, our proportion of the reprint of the London General Epistle for 1871, 15 copies of the Boarding School Report, 15 copies of your Minute concerning General Meetings & 15 copies of the Minute on the revision of Discipline, which have, severally, been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings. We also received, in the 2d month last, the new Discipline from your committee charged with the care of printing & furnishing it to the subordinate meetings; and 360 printed forms for Records have also come to hand

We appointed a committee to cooperate with the Yearly Meeting's committee in considering any application for holding General Meetings within our limits

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay to yours our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock.

We have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah B. Williams to the station of elder, and in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Abner Potter Jr.; with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles W. Earle to the station of elder; and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph C. Anthony, Nathan Chase and Phebe S. Anthony to the same station.

We forward the accompanying abstract of statistics as gathered from the reports of our Monthly Meetings, viz:

	Number of births within past year	4
	" deaths	14
	" removals into Monthly Meetings	24
	" " from our "	6
	" admitted on convincement	1
	" members discontinued	3
Present	" " of R.I. Quar. Meeting	674

William Chase of Swansea Monthly Meeting, an elder, died 10 month 26th 1872 aged 76 y. 4 mo. 21 d.

Ruth B. Buffinton of Swansea Monthly Meeting, an elder, died 2d month 9th 1873 - aged 75 years 13 days.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs of the appointment of Abner Potter Jr. as correspondent (P.O. Address, Portsmouth R.I.)

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting informs that they have discontinued the midweek meeting at Peace Dale except on the days of holding the Preparative Meeting

Providence Monthly Meeting has also discontinued the midweek meeting at Lower Smithfield, - the Preparative

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Meeting being held monthly at Cumberland.

This meeting has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in omitting a part of its seſsions, and, at present, holding only those immediately preceding the Quarterly Meeting, viz; at Coventry in Spring & Summer and at East Greenwich in the Fall & Winter

Summary Answers

1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held except six, and two attended by one friend only, and one answer excepts a few in one small meeting for which there appear to be sufficient reasons aſsigned. On firstday morning meetings are attended by most of our members; those in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week and for discipline are much more neglected the hour nearly observed, some instances of sleeping, no other unbecoming behavior noticed.

2d. Love and unity in a good degree maintained, detraction guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

3d. We trust most friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor by example and precept to train up those under their care in accord and with our Christian profeſsion.

4th. We believe that, with little exception, the Holy Scriptures are frequently read individually as well as collectively in Friends' families and those under their care encouraged in the daily perusal of them. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry appears to be maintained with little exception

5th. Friends abstain from intoxicating drinks as a beverage careful, with little exception, to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and endeavor to observe moderation in all things.

6th. The poor attended to and their neceſsities relieved and when neceſsary, they are aſsisted in obtaining employment, and the education of their children cared for.

7th Careful, in the several requirements of this query, to maintain our testimony faithfully.

8th Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and in settlement of accounts, and endeavor to be punctual to promises and just in payment of debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th. Careful as to records. Some removals without certificates under notice

10th. Careful to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always as timely as would be desirable. We trust judgement is placed, when it appears necessary, according to discipline.

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th month 7th 1873

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the friends named below have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives, viz:

From R. Island M. Mtg, Wm Sherman, Isaac Hathaway & Geo. Anthony
" Greenwich " Jonathan Freeborn & Peleg Peck
" Swansea " Abraham Macomber, Chad Chase & Jos. C. Anthony
" Providence, Thos Harkness, James Dennis & Joseph H. Atwater
" S. Kingstown, James R. Collins & Thomas W. Browning.

who are present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Joel Bean, a minister of the gospel, in the course of a religious visit has attended this meeting & presented certificates from Springdale Monthly Meeting, Iowa, endorsed by Springdale Quarterly Meeting of 8 mo. 3d 1872 expressing unity with him in this present religious engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended, except that one of them was necessarily absent several days.

The committee on the subject of meeting houses not being ready fully to report, are continued to report at our next meeting

We have received the following report from the committee of this meeting relative to General Meetings and the committee appointed one year since are continued to cooperate with the Yearly Meeting's committee in considering of any application & deciding

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the same, which may be made for holding a General Meeting. The committee are requested to report to this meeting in the 11th mo.

"To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

The committee on General Meetings, make the following report. Two meetings have been held, one in Somerset (Swansea Monthly Meeting) and one in Newport, (Rhode Island Monthly Meeting). These meetings were attended by ministers of the Gospel and others from our own and other Yearly Meetings who were drawn by the love of Christ to labor among us. The meetings were well attended by most of the members in the Monthly Meetings in which they were held. We believe they were seasons of spiritual profit & blessing in which Christ was glorified & many were made willing to acknowledge his great goodness and mercy.

On behalf of the committee

Joseph E. Macomber
Sarah Slade"

We have received the following minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to stock, viz:

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island 6th Mo. 1873.

It was concluded to raise for the service of the meeting the ensuing year, three thousand dollars $3000. Our Quarterly Meetings were directed to forward to George Howland jr., our Treasurer, their respective proportions of that sum. Rhode Island quota is 23 per ct. 690 dollars

Extracted from the minutes, Charles R. Tucker, clerk
To R. I. Quarterly Meeting"

We appoint Thomas Harkness, William Sherman & George Bowen to settle the Treasurer's account, to inquire what sum is necessary to be raised by this meeting & to propose a friend for Treasurer & report at our next meeting.

This meeting unites with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearance in the ministry of Edward W. Collins our women's meeting concurring.

We have received & forwarded to each of our Monthly Meetings the following minute of the Representative Meeting in relation to the expenses of Friends traveling in the ministry among us, from other Yearly Meetings

At a Representative Meeting for New England, held at Newport, 6th Mo. 13th, 1873, the Committee appointed in relation to the expenses of Friends traveling in the Ministry, made the following report, viz: —

To New England Representative Meeting of Friends:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of expenses of Friends traveling in the Ministry among us from other Yearly Meetings, report,—

That it is the duty of the Church to encourage and promote the spread of the Gospel, and of all the members thereof to contribute to this blessed purpose according to their ability.

We would suggest that it shall be the duty of the Overseers of each Monthly Meeting to see that all Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, duly accredited and engaged in the prosecution of Gospel service within their limits, be provided with suitable company, if any is needed, and the means of transit from place to place. If any Monthly Meeting is unable to pay all such expenses, they may call upon a Standing Committee of their Quarterly Meeting, appointed for such special purpose, who may reimburse the same, or such part thereof as they may think the case requires.

If the burden is at any time too great for the Quarterly Meeting, they may call upon the Representative Meeting, and that meeting shall consider all such calls, and render assistance whenever in the judgment of that meeting the circumstances justify it.

The Committee recommend also, that whenever a Minister is liberated to travel in the ministry by any of our Monthly Meetings, the Overseers of the meeting shall call upon him and confer with him about the arrangements for the journey, and to see that he is provided with suitable company, if any is needed, and with sufficient means to complete the journey, if the Friend needs assistance.

If any Monthly Meeting, at any time, is unable to bear all such expense, it may call upon the Quarterly Meeting's Committee; and the Quarterly Meeting, if unable, may call upon the Representative Meeting, precisely as provided in the case of ministers from other Yearly Meetings, in this report.

On behalf of the Committee.

EDW. W. HOWLAND,
CHAS. F. COFFIN.

Newport, 6th Mo. 13th, 1873.

Which was satisfactory to the meeting, and being subsequently approved by the Yearly Meeting, the Clerk of this meeting was directed to cause a sufficient number of copies to be printed to supply our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the meeting.

WM. O. NEWHALL, Clerk.

Lynn, 7th Mo. 28th, 1873.

Having disposed of the business before us, we conclude; urposing to meet in Fall River, in the 11th month next; f the Lord permit.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 6. 1873.

By accounts received from our several Monthly eetings it appears that the representatives to this meeting re from

hode Island Monthly Meeting, Levi Almy, Stephen Chase
and Jacob Mott.
Greenwich, " Perez Peck and Solomon R. Knowles
Swansea, Hiram Buffinton, Nathan Chase & Joseph Estes
Providence; Joseph H. Atwater, Benjamin Buffum, Gideon C. Smith
South Kingstown, Edward H. Collins & Peter H. Collins.

are present except two: one of whom, it appears, was navoidably detained.

The Queries have been read, with nswers from each of our Monthly Meetings, to the 1st 2d & 10th.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's ccount and for other purposes made the following port which is satisfactory; and in view of the addi ional sum required for repairs upon several of our eeting houses, we conclude to raise ($1250) Twelve undred & fifty dollars for the use of this meeting for the ensuing year; and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their several proportions of this sum to James Dennis of Providence, whom we have appointed Treasurer of this meeting

"To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
The Committee to examine & settle the Treasurer's account and propose a sum to be raised for the use of the meeting and the name of a friend for Treasurer, Report they have attended to their appointment & find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer Two hundred ten & 87/100 dollars; And propose that Nine hundred be raised: & James Dennis for Treasurer

Providence 10th mo. 14th 1873

Thomas Harkness
George Bowen } Com."
William Sherman

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The Committee on Meeting houses made the following report, viz.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed in 5th Mo. last to consider applications from Monthly Meetings for Quarterly Meeting aid in repairing their meeting houses, would report as follows.

That, on request of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, they visited the Meeting houses at Old Warwick & East Greenwich.

They found the house & fences at Old Warwick much out of repair and the condition of the house & grounds not creditable to society; and as the condition of this meeting house was before this meeting and action taken in 5th Mo. 1871, the committee make no recommendation respecting it now, but desire reference may be had to the minute made at that time

The meeting house and Shed at East Greenwich were considered as needing some small repairs, and this Committee recommend that Greenwich Monthly Meeting have one hundred dollars from this meeting to make needed repairs

At the request of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting a portion of your committee visited the meeting house at Western and found it much out of repair, and its condition not at all creditable to Society.

At this house no meetings are held except the Monthly Meeting four times each year & such other meetings as may be specially appointed there. The Friends of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting seem desirous this house should not be abandoned, but repaired and kept for use.

The Meeting house at Hopkinton, although needing some repairs was in a condition to be used comfortably, for the present, with only a moderate outlay. South Kingstown not appearing able to make the neceſsary repairs to Western & Hopkinton houses without some aid from this meeting, the Committee recommend that South Kingstown Monthly Meeting have leave to draw on the treasurer of this meeting for three hundred dollars to aſsist them in making the needed repairs as above

For the Committee

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Benjamin Buffum"

which is accepted. The committee is continued & they are authorized to draw upon our Treasurer for the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars to be expended for repairing the house & fences at Warwick. See 5mo.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting is also authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for One hundred dollars to be expended in repairs at their meeting house at East Greenwich & South Kingstown Monthly Meeting to draw for three hundred dollars towards necessary repairs upon the Western & Hopkinton meeting houses; - all to report at a future meeting.

The Committee on general meetings are continued to report at our meeting in 5mo. next.

Having been favored to accomplish the business before us in love, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time in 2d month next at Providence if the Lord permit

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Second Month 1874

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 2 mo. 5th 1874.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings at this time received, it appears that the Representatives to this meeting, viz. from
Rhode Island, Levi Almy, Isaac Hathaway, George [illegible]
Greenwich, Perez Peck and James H. Earle
Swansea, Richd R. Macomber, Richard S. Buffinton, Saml Buffinton
Providence, Gideon C. Smith, James Dennis, Benjamin Buffum.
South Kingstown, Thomas W. Browning Peter K. Collins
who are present except one.

Perez Peck informed that a number of the Representatives having conferred upon the subject of clerks had concluded to propose Samuel Austin for clerk and Charles H. Earle for assistant clerk of this meeting which being united with, they are accordingly appointed to the service for the ensuing year.

Our beloved friend Eli Jones in attendance of this meeting presented a minute from China Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with him as a minister and in his present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable.

Our beloved friend William O. Newhall in attendance of this meeting presented a minute from Salem

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Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister & in his present engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish copies of these two minutes

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st, 3d and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Rhode Island and Swansea Monthly Meetings inform that they have paid or ordered to be paid to our Treasurer their proportion of Stock

Like information has been received relative to Greenwich Monthly Meeting

Having been favored to accomplish the business before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time at East Greenwich in the 5th mo. next.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Fifth Month 1874.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 7th of 5th month 1874

By accounts from each of our Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the representatives to attend this meeting are, from

Rhode Island, Levi Almy, Isaac Hathaway, George Bowen
Greenwich, Perez Peck and Solomon R. Knowles
Swansea Obadiah Chase, Joseph C. Anthony
Philip J. Tripp and Nathan Chase
Providence, Thos Harkness, Gideon C. Smith, Thos J. Battey
S. Kingstown, John H. Knowles & George S. Gould
who are present except one detained by illness.

The Queries have been read, with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings. We have adopted the subjoined summary answers which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our friends Perez Peck, Abner Slade, Samuel R. Buffinton, Levi Almy, Thomas B. Buffum, George Bowen, Joseph Cartland, Obadiah Chase, James R. Collins, Samuel Austin, Benjamin Buffum and William H. Perry whom we appoint to attend as our representatives.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, we are informed, has paid its proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock to our Treasurer.

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay to the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock

We have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Margaret Anthony to the station of elder; also in the appointment of George Bowen to the same station. the women's meeting concurring

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Thomas B. Buffum

We have united with the women's meeting in its concurrence with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in appointing Ruth Ann Collins to the station of elder.

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and in his present reengagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us,

Our beloved friend William P. Macomber attended this meeting in attendance of this meeting presented a copy of a minute from Westport Monthly Meeting expressing their unity with him as a minister & in his present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish copies of these minutes.

The Committee on General Meetings is continued to report at the Quarterly Meeting in the 8th Month next.

Application having been made to friends of Greenwich Monthly Meeting for the purchase of a part of the Cranston meeting house lot, we appoint Thomas Harkness & Benjamin Buffum a committee to unite with a committee of Greenwich Monthly Meeting to consider the subject and report their judgement at our next meeting.

Accounts from our monthly meetings give the following information an abstract of which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting

R. Island	Births	Deaths	Removals in	Removals out	Admitted	Discontinued	No.
R. Island	0	3	0	0	3	0	95
Greenwich	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
Swansea	2	6	2	11	0	0	176
Providence	1	2	6	2	0	1	267
S. Kingstown	0	2	0	0	2	0	73
	3	13	8	13	5	1	667

x Swansea
1 not reported last year
3 erroneously reported, the

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Rhode Island Monthly informs that David Buffum, an elder, deceased 12 mo. 28th 1873, aged 86 years 3 days; and that Ruth Chase, an elder, died 1st Mo. 31. 1874 aged 73 y. - 7 mos. - 6 d.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting informs that Mary G. Collins, an elder, deceased 7 mo. 9. 1873 aged 62 y. 6 mo. 14 d.

The Committee on General Meetings is continued, to report at our next quarterly meeting.

Having disposed of the business before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at Newport in the 8th Mo. next if the Lord permit.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England

Dear friends

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings. We have adopted the subjoined summary which we forward for your information by our friends, Benj. Peck, Simon Slade, Samuel R. Buffinton, Levi Almy, Thomas B. Buffum, George Bowen, Joseph Cartland, Obadiah Chase, James P. Collins, Samuel Austin, Benjamin Buffum, William C. Peck whom we have appointed to attend as representatives.

The usual number of copies of the London General Epistle for 1872, also of the Report of the Boarding School Committee and of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting have been received.

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay to yours our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock.

We have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Margaret [illegible] & George Bowen to the station of elder, and with the same Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance in the ministry of Thomas B. Buffum.

We have also united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearance in the ministry of Edward H. Collins; and with the same meeting in the appointment of Ruth Ann Collins to the station of elder.

David Buffum an elder, a member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting deceased 12th Mo. 28. 1873 aged 86 yrs and 3 days

Ruth Chase, wife of Stephen, of the same Monthly Meeting, an elder died 1st Mo. 31. 1874 aged 73 y. 7 mos 6 days

Mary L. Collins an elder, a member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting died 7 mo. 9th 1873 aged 62 years 6 mos 14 days.

The Committee on General Meetings inform that they have united with the Yearly Meetings Committee in holding meeting which they report to general satisfaction.

We forward for your information, the accompanying abstract of Statistics as gathered from the reports of our Monthly Meetings viz.

	Number of births within the past year	3
	" deaths	13.
Removals	" into our Mo. Meetings	8.
"	" from " "	13.
No.	" admitted on convincement	5.
"	" members discontinued	1
Present No.	" in R. I. Quarterly Meeting	667

On behalf & by direction of R. I. Qr. Mtg of Friends held at East Greenwich 7th 5mo. 1874.
Samuel Austin
Clerk

Summary

1. All our meetings for worship & discipline have been attended except eleven for worship, one preparative meeting & five attended by one friend only. On First day morning they are attended by friends generally; in the afternoon of that day & in the middle of the week they are much neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed with a little exception in one meeting.

2. Love & unity is nearly maintained & detraction guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them

3. We believe that most of our members are endeavoring to maintain a religious life & conversation, & to encourage the same in their children & others

4. We believe most friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families; & encourage their children in the practice of this religious duty. Friends maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry, - with a little exception in one meeting

5. We know of no instances among us of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements & diversions inconsistent with a Christian character are mostly avoided, & a good degree of moderation in all things is observed.

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Ans. 6th

The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved. They are assisted, when necessary, in regard to employment. Care is taken to educate their children

7. We believe our testimony is maintained in the several particulars of this query.

8. Friends are mostly careful to inspect their affairs & settle their accounts, also to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, & careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. Friends are careful to have all their marriages, births deaths and burials duly recorded. A few removals without certificates. Some care taken.

10th. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely & impartially; & judgement, when necessary, is placed according to discipline.

Eighth Month 1874.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th Mo. 6. 1874.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives to attend this meeting, are for

Rhode Island, Jacob Mott, Stephen Chase and Thomas B. Buffum
Greenwich, Perez Peck and Solomon R. Knowles
Swansea, Richard K. Macomber, Saml R. Buffinton & Joseph C. Anthony
Providence, Thomas Harkness, Gideon C. Smith, Joseph H. Atwater
South Kingstown, William H. Perry and John Babcock,
who are present except one.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended

Our beloved friend Ellwood Ozbun in attendance of this meeting presented a copy of a minute from Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, Iowa, held 4mo. 9th 1874. expressing their unity with him as a minister and in his present engagements. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend David Tatum is in attendance of this meeting & presented a copy of a minute from Salem

Monthly Meeting Ohio, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting expressive of unity with him as a minister and in his present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us. Hannah B. Tatum accompanying her husband, David Tatum, also presented certificates issued as above-certifying unity with her as a minister and in her present engagement. Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

We have also with us our beloved friend Wm Symmes of North Carolina whose minute was presented to our Yearly Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Lydia Ozbun accompanying her husband Ellwood Ozbun is acceptable with us. The Clerk is directed to furnish these friends with copies of the minutes made on their several accounts.

We have received from the Yearly Meeting the following minute relative to stock, viz.

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the 6th Month 1874.

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Yearly Meeting, the present year $3500. Our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to George Howland jr. our Treasurer, their respective proportions of that sum. The proportion of Rhode Island Quarter is twenty three per cent ($805) eight hundred and five dollars.

From the minutes of the meeting

Charles R. Tucker, Clerk"

We appoint Thomas Harkness, William Sherman and Benjamin Buffum to settle the Treasurer's account, suggest the amount to be raised by this meeting & propose a friend for Treasurer; to report at our next meeting.

The clerk informs that he has received & apportioned to the Monthly Meetings 300 copies of the "Minutes" of our last Yearly Meeting and 725 copies of the "London General Epistle for 1874" and also the requisite number of copies of the Boarding School Report for our subordinate meetings.

There have also been received and distributed at this time 75 copies of a "Historical Account of the Various Meeting Houses of Friends in Boston", published by direction of the Yearly Meeting.

We have accepted the following report from the committee on General Meetings: "The committee now under appointment was continued to cooperate with the Committee of the Yearly Meeting

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appointed on this account: to report at a future meeting: viz

Dear Friends

We have not been unmindful of the appointment conferred upon us one year ago; & tho' the way has not opened for holding any meetings under the committee, still many prayers have been offered that we might be directed aright.

Newport 8th mo. 6th. 1874. On behalf of the Committee Joseph E. Macomber
Hannah F. Peckham

The Committee appointed in the 5th month to advise with a committee of Greenwich Monthly Meeting relative to the meeting house lot at Cranston, reported as follows, viz:

"Providence 8th mo. 4. 1874

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The committee to confer with Greenwich Monthly Meeting relative to an application to purchase a part of the Meeting house lot at Cranston report attention to their appointment

They met a committee of said Monthly Meeting upon the ground, and, upon looking it over, said committee, as well as ourselves, were united that it would not be advisable to sell
Thomas Harkness
Benjamin Buffum"

This meeting is united in accepting the above report and in retaining said property.

Having disposed of the business before us, in love, we conclude; purposing to meet at the usual time in Fall River, if the Lord permit.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Eleventh Month 1874.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo. 5th 1874

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the Representatives named to attend this meeting are, from Rhode Island, Levi Almy, Stephen Chase and Thomas B. Buffum.

from Greenwich, Charles Earle and Benj. Peck.

" Swansea, Benjamin Shove, Asa Slade and Philip J. Tripp.

from Providence, Daniel Meader, Thomas Harkness and Joseph Cartland,

from S. Kingstown William H. Perry & Edward W. Collins; who are present.

Our beloved friend Presbury Wing attended this meeting with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister & in his present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings have been now read.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, which is satisfactory to the meeting; & our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective quotas of stock to James Dennis whom we appoint our Treasurer, viz:

"To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, propose the amount to be raised, and a friend for Treasurer, Report, attention to their appointment, & find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer is one hundred & eighty nine & 57/100 dollars; and propose that (1100 $) eleven hundred dollars be raised for the use of the meeting, and James Dennis for Treasurer.

Thomas Hastings } for the
Providence 10th Mo. 10th 1874 Wm. Sherman } Committee

We have received the following communication from the clerk of the Yearly Meetings committee on the concern of that meeting for the Western Indians.

On consideration of the same, it is concluded that the Treasurer of this meeting be directed to pay our proportion of the sum required namely $184. to said committee.

"At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting on the concern for the improvement of the Western Indians held at Newport 6th Mo. 18th 1874

It was concluded that the sum of eight hundred dollars would be required for this concern the present year. The clerk was directed to inform the clerks of the several Quarterly Meetings requesting them to inform friends of their several meetings of our need and to ask that the sums may be forwarded to our Treasurer.

From the minutes
Henry T. Wood, clerk

The proportion of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is 23 per ct.
$184 –

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Our beloved friend Huldah M. Beede returned at this time the minute granted her in the 5th mo. 1872, with the acknowledgment that, through unmerited mercy, favored with strength from day to day, she had been enabled to attend to most of the service which had presented; & she believed she could say that in the retrospect sweet peace attends. She also presented copies of minutes from the meetings named below certifying that her company and religious services had been acceptable to them, which is satisfactory to us, viz: from Westlake Four months meeting held at Bloomfield, Province of Ontario 6th Mo. 22d 1872; Canada Yearly Meeting, Adrian & Rollin Monthly and Adrian Quarterly of 7mo. 1872; Western & Indiana Yearly Meetings for 1872; Oskaloosa Quarterly & Iowa & Kansas Yearly Meetings for 1872; New Sharon Monthly Meeting 1st mo 1874; Winneshiek Monthly Meeting 3d mo. Winneshiek Quarterly Meeting 4th mo. Minneapolis & Union Monthly of 5th mo. & Bloomington Monthly Meeting Iowa 6mo. 1874

The London General Epistle for 1874, has been read in this meeting

Having accomplished the business before us, we conclude, purposing to meet in Providence at the usual time in the second month if the Lord permit.

Samuel Austin, clerk

Second Month 1875.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2d Mo. 4th 1875.

From accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings, we learn that the Friends named to attend this meeting as representatives are for

R. Island Monthly Meeting, George Anthony
Stephen Chase and Jacob Mott
Greenwich, Charles H. Earle and Perry Peck
Swansea, Abner Slade, Richard R. Macomber Saml R. Buffinton
Providence, Joseph Cartland, Robert Shove, Joseph H. Atwater
South Kingstown Edward W. Collins & George S. Gould.
who are present.

Perez Peck, for the representatives, informed that they had united in proposing that Samuel Austin serve as clerk and Charles W. Earle as aſsistant clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year; which having been united with, they are accordingly appointed to those services.

Our beloved friend George Richardson, in attendance of this meeting, presented a copy of a minute from Sidney Monthly Meeting endorsed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and in his present engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute; also like minutes to our friends William P. Macomber of Westport Monthly Meeting & Thomas B. Nichols of Vaſsalboro Monthly Meeting who have presented minutes of unity with their ministry & present religious engagements from their respective Monthly Meetings.

The Queries have now been read with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

R. Island, Swansea and Greenwich Monthly Meetings inform that they have directed the payment of their respective proportions of Quarterly Meeting stock.

Our beloved friend Sarah W. Farr attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Pittsfield Monthly Meeting endorsed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, expreſsing unity with her as a minister & in her present engagement. Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Noah Farr an elder in unity accompanying our dear friend Sarah W. Farr is also acceptably in attendance of this meeting

Our beloved friend Sarah M. Richardson, an esteemed member of New Bedford Monthly Monthly Meeting, accompanying her husband George Richardson is also acceptably in attendance of this meeting.

In the 5th Month 1874 we received from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting the following paper; & it has now been desired that the same be placed on our record, viz., "Our Monthly Meeting, in the 12th Mo. last, made the following minute, viz. We have fully united with our Women's Meeting in approving the gift in the ministry & her communications in that work,

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of Harriet D. Collins and we desire that the Lord
will prosper the work &c."
The subject is referred to our next meeting

3.50 P.M. We now conclude, purposing to meet at East Greenwich in the 5th Month next, if the Lord permit

Samuel Austin, Clerk.

Fifth Month 1875

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo. 6th 1875

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the friends named as follows have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives, viz;

for Rhode Island, Stephen Chase, Jacob Mott & George Bowen
" Greenwich, Charles W. Earle and Solomon K. Knowles
" Swansea, Obadiah Chase, Darius Buffinton & Nathan Chase
" Providence, Joseph Cartland, [illegible], [illegible]
" South Kingstown Robert Browning, John H. Knowles and Francis W. Collins; who are present except two who are detained by bodily indisposition.

The Queries have been read with answers from ~~each of~~ our Monthly Meetings. We have adopted the following summary answers which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our friends Samuel R. Buffinton, Thomas [illegible], Edward H. [illegible], [illegible], Thomas D. Buffum, Charles W. Earle, Obadiah Chase, Joseph Cartland, Benjamin Buffum, James Dennis, Richard R. Macomber, [illegible] Saul, George Bowen, Albert K. Smith, [illegible] E. Macomber whom we appoint to attend as Representatives.

Providence and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings inform that they have paid their proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock. Our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of the Yearly Meeting stock.

We have received from Greenwich Monthly Meeting the following statement, which claiming our consideration this meeting assumes the expense incurred in said repairs; & our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the Treasurer of Greenwich Monthly Meeting the additional sum of two hundred & seventeen dollars and 91/100 viz; Received at this time from the committee appointed 5th Mo. 4th 1874, bills for repairs & improvements [illegible] meeting [illegible] and [illegible] amounting to Three hundred and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which this meeting approves.

From the minutes of [illegible] Monthly Meeting held at Coventry 5th Mo. 3d 1875

[illegible] of [illegible]"

Our beloved friend Joseph Hobson in attendance of this meeting presented a copy of a minute from Gilead Monthly Meeting endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting O. of 2d mo 6th 1875 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] engagement, [illegible] religious services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to sign the above minute [illegible] this meeting and similar one for William Wetherald who [illegible] a copy of a minute from [illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible] by [illegible] Quarterly Meeting [illegible] of [illegible] mo. 1874 and Newell Hoxie who presented a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of 3d mo 1875; also to sign a minute [illegible] in the Womens meeting [illegible] [illegible] beloved friend [illegible] Hobson an elder who accompanies her husband [illegible] acceptably with us

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings give the following statistics; an abstract of which the Clerk is directed to forward to the Yearly Meeting

	Births	Deaths	Rec in	Rem out	Admitted	Disowned	Total
Rhode Island	0	4	2	1	3	0	98
Greenwich	0	1	0	2	0	0	60
Swansea	2	4	2	4	0	0	172
Providence	1	7	5	16	1	1	250
S. Kingstown	0	0	1	0	8	0	83
	3	16	10	23	12	1	663

The subject before our Quarterly Meeting [illegible] the [illegible] law, and entered upon our minutes by recording a minute from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, showing a [illegible] [illegible] our consideration it [illegible] [illegible] next Quarterly Meeting.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs that Elizabeth [illegible] an elder, wife of [illegible] [illegible] deceased 10 mo. 14, 1874 aged 77 years, 6 mo. [illegible] Providence Monthly Meeting informs that Gideon C. Smith, an elder, departed this life 3d mo. 11th 1875 aged 73 years [illegible] 17 days. Swansea Monthly Meeting informs of the death of Mark Anthony, a minister 11 month 3d 1874 aged 61 years 7 months 28 days

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and that Joseph C. Anthony an elder deceased 2d mo. 9th 1875 aged 72 years 10 months 7 days.

We have received the following information from the Representative Meeting, which [illegible] the Yearly Meeting

"To the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings of Friends of New England Yearly Meeting

This meeting finding there has not been sufficient time to effect the necessary legislation to enable the Yearly Meeting to hold its Sessions at Portland hereby notifies the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings that our next Yearly Meeting must be held, according to discipline at Newport

By direction of the Representative Meeting held at Providence 2d mo. 3d 1875 Wm. C. Newhall, Clerk

P.S. The Representative Meeting will be held at Newport on Sixth day before the commencement of the Yearly Meeting, at 6 o'clock P.M."

The Committee on General Meetings reported at this time as follows; which is satisfactory to the meeting

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

The Committee under appointment from this meeting on General Meetings would report at this time the holding of one meeting only within our limits since their appointment, and that at Fall River in the 2d mo. last under the care of the Yearly Meetings committee, several [illegible], several of the Lord's devoted servants (not members of the committee) were also present, who were made willing instruments in his hands to declare the blessed gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This meeting (though among the smallest which has been held within the limits of the Yearly Meeting) we are believing that the dear Master was pleased to own it and to crown it with his blessed presence. Many who had previously given in their names to serve the Lord in the way of his calling, not in membership with us, were made willing to acknowledge their allegiance to the Father of mercies by openly confessing Christ before men at different sessions of the meeting & acknowledged that they had been strengthened in mingling with those who were endeavoring to build up his blessed cause in the earth. We also rejoice in the belief that souls were converted to the blessed truth as it is in Jesus, and even the dear lambs were enabled through the constraining influence of the Love of our dear Lord and Saviour to give in their names to serve and follow him who died for them and [illegible] and to enlist under the glorious banner of the Lamb of God. And whilst much more might be said of the blessed influence exerted by the holding of this General Meeting, and of the little branch of the Lord's militant [illegible] in that place which has been greatly comforted by the wonderful manner in which he who is Head over all rightly gathered assemblies hath in his goodness and mercy manifested himself unto them, we only desire to return thanks unto the great Giver of every good and perfect gift, and acknowledge his continued mercies unto the children of men everywhere, and to be found as his willing servants doing his will in whatever way he may be pleased to show Himself unto us

On behalf of the committee

Joseph E. Macomber
East Greenwich 5mo. 6. 1875 Sarah Slade

Having accomplished the business before us, we conclude purposing to meet in Newport at the usual time in the 8th Month if the Lord permit

Samuel Austin, Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England
Dear Friends

The Queries have been read at this time with Answers from our several Monthly Meetings. We have adopted the subjoined Summary answers which we forward for your information by our Friends Samuel R. Buffinton, [illegible], Edward W. Collins, [illegible], Emma B. Buffinton, Charles R. Earle, [illegible], [illegible] Cartland, Benjamin Buffinton, James [illegible], Richard [illegible] Macomber, George A. Gould, George Brown, Albert K. Smiley, [illegible] [illegible], whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

There have been received & apportioned to our Monthly Meetings 725 copies of the London General Epistle for 1873, 300 copies of the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting with the requisite supply of copies of the Boarding School Report, & 95 copies of the Account of Friends' Meeting Houses in Boston.

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay the amount of our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock. Returns from our Monthly Meetings enable us to furnish you the following statistics, viz:

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Number of Births in this Quarterly Meeting in past year 3,
" " deaths 16. Removals into our Monthly Meetings
10. Removals out 23. Number admitted on convincement 1
No. of members discontinued 1
Present No. members of R. I. Quarterly Meeting 663.

Elizabeth B. Chase of [illegible] Monthly Meeting, an elder, wife
of Josiah Chase, departed this life 10 mo. 14. 1874, aged 77 yrs 6 mos
Mary A. [illegible] of [illegible] Monthly Meeting, [illegible]
deceased 11th mo. 3rd 1874. aged [illegible] years, [illegible] months 23 days
Joseph C. Anthony of the same meeting, an elder, died
2nd month 7th 1875 aged 72 years 10 months 7 days.
Gideon C. Smith of Providence Monthly Meeting, an elder
deceased 3d mo. 11th 1875, aged 73 years 9 months 17 days

(Signed) on behalf and by direction of Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo.
6th 1875 Samuel Austin, Clerk

Summary Answers

Ans. 1. All our meetings for religious worship and
discipline have been regularly held with a few exceptions
owing to sickness and inclemency of the weather. They are
attended by Friends generally except some neglect of those in
the afternoon of First day and in the middle of the week
[illegible] from our meeting [illegible]
[illegible] noticed

Ans. 2d Love and unity are nearly maintained & detraction
guarded against. When differences arise endeavours are used
to end them

Ans. 3d Friends are careful, with few exceptions, to maintain
a religious life and conversation; and those who have children
and others under their care, endeavor by example & precept
to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession

Ans. 4. We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures
individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging
their children & others in the daily reading of [illegible] religious duty
and are concerned to maintain our testimony to a free
gospel ministry, with very little exception

Ans. 5th With few exceptions Friends abstain from the
use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, with a few
exceptions in two meetings they are generally careful to
avoid amusements & diversions inconsistent with a Christian
character, & to observe moderation in all things

Ans. 6. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and
their necessities relieved, care is taken to educate their children

Answer 7th. Friends maintain our testimony in the several parts of this quer

Ans. 8th. Generally careful in the several parts of this query.

Ans. 9th Recording is attended to. A few removals without certificates which are under notice.

Ans. 10th. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderneſs, timely and impartially and to place judgment when it appears neceſsary, in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

Eighth Month 1875.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on the 5th of 8th Month 1875.

From accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that they have appointed the friends named, as follows, to attend this meeting as representatives, viz. for

R. Island; - George Anthony, Isaac B. Macomber, Abner Potter Jr.
Greenwich; - Edward Buffinton and Charles W. Earle
Swansea; - Obadiah Chase, Darius Buffinton & Saml R. Buffinton
Providence; Thomas Harkness, James Dennis, Thomas Chase
South Kingstown; - John Babcock &, Abel F. Collins
who are present except one.

The Queries have been read with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th. The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended.

Our beloved friend John Carey attended this meeting and presented a copy of a minute from Back Creek Monthly Meeting endorsed by Northern Quarterly Meeting of 6 mo. 19. 1875 expressing unity with him as a minister & in his present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Stephen Breed attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Rocky Run Monthly Meeting endorsed by Western Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister & with his present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Isaac Stanley accompanying our friend John Carey is also acceptable in attendance of this meeting with a copy of a minute from Damascus Monthly Meeting of 6th Mo. 1875, expressive of unity with him in this religious engagement. The clerk is directed to furnish each of these friends with a copy of the minute made on his account; and also to sign on our behalf minutes of the following report made in the women's meeting viz:

Our beloved friend Eliza H. Varney, a minister in unity, in attendance of this meeting presented a copy of a minute issued by West Lake Monthly Meeting, Canada endorsed by the [illegible] meeting held 6 mo. 24 1874 and 1st month 21st 1875. Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Margaret A. Hathaway of Farmington Monthly Meeting a minister in unity, sojourning for a few months in this Yearly Meeting with a prospect of some religious service within our limits is also acceptably with us.

Our beloved friend Chloe A. Breed who accompanies her husband Stephen Breed is acceptably in attendance of this meeting.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth White, an elder in unity, accompanying our friend Eliza H. Varney is also acceptably with us & presented a minute of concurrence from West Lake Monthly Meeting, Canada.

We have received from the Yearly Meeting the following minute.

"The Meeting concluded to raise for its use, the present year $ 3.500; and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer their quotas of that sum. The proportion of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is 23 per cent $ 805."

Signed Charles R. Tucker, clerk

We appoint Thomas Harkness & William Sherman to settle the Treasurer's account, suggest the amount to be raised by this meeting & propose a friend for Treasurer; to report at our next meeting.

The clerk informs that he has received and apportioned to the Monthly Meetings three hundred copies of the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting.

We have received from the Yearly Meeting the following minute. We appoint our friends Joseph E. Macomber, James Dennis, Samuel R. Buffinton Solomon R. Knowles & Abel F. Collins to unite with Yearly Meeting's committee as way may open in the truth &, report at a future meeting; viz.

"Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with the Yearly Meeting's committee in the holding of General

Meetings, and render them such assistance as may tend to promote this engagement.

Signed Charles R. Tucker, clerk

The subject introduced from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, and referred at our last quarter to this, having now claimed our weighty attention, we unite in the conclusion of the women's meeting that the way is not open to proceed further therein.

Having disposed of the business before us, in love, we conclude; purposing to meet at the usual time in Fall River, if the Lord permit.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Eleventh Month 1875

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall-River 11th Mo. 4th 1875.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the Friends named as follows have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives, viz., for Rhode Island, Stephen Chase, David Buffum & Jacob Mott; Greenwich, Perez Peck and Charles M. Earle; Swansea, Philip J. Tripp, Hiram Buffinton, Nathan Chase; Providence, Joseph Cartland, Thomas J. Battey, Thomas Harkness; South Kingstown, William H. Perry & Francis H. Collins; who are present except one.

The Queries have been read, with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Sewell Hoxsie, again in attendance of this meeting, presented a copy of a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with him as a minister & in his present engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Josiah Holmes, Jr., in the course of a religious visit within our limits, presented a copy of a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, expressive of unity with him as a minister & in his present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish these friends, with a copy of the above as far as it relates to each.

Our beloved friend Sarah A. Holmes, accompanying her husband, Josiah Holmes, Jr. is also acceptable with us with a minute of concurrence of New Bedford Monthly Meeting. The clerk is directed to sign a minute made on her account in the women's meeting.

Our beloved friend Hannah B. Sawyer attended this meeting with a minute of unity with her as a minister & with her present engagement, from Weare Monthly Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute adopted by the women's meeting on her behalf.

The committee to settle the Treasurer's accounts presented the following report which is satisfactory to this meeting adopts their suggestions, and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of stock to James Dennis whom we have appointed our Treasurer.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised and the name of a friend for Treasurer, Report, they have examined and settled the Treasurer's account and find a balance due him of forty one dollars & 76 cents.

We propose that eleven hundred dollars be raised for the use of the meeting, and James Dennis for Treasurer,

10th mo. 14th 1875 Thomas Harkneſs
Wm Sherman

The clerk informs that he has received & forwarded to the Monthly Meetings the usual number of copies of the London General Epistle for 1875.

Having again been favored in love, to accomplish the buſineſs before us, we conclude; purposing to meet in Providence at the usual time in the 2d month next, if the Lord permit

Samuel Austin, Clerk.

The following communication has been received & read viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Miſsiſsippi river held a meeting at Newport at which it was concluded that the sum of eight hundred dollars would be required to meet the neceſsary expenses of this concern for the year, and the Treasurer was requested to inform the clerks of the several Quarterly Meetings thereof and to request that their several quotas of the amount may be raised and forwarded to him in the manner they may deem most proper

George Howland, Jr.
New Bedford 10th Mo. 5. 1875 Treasr of the Committee

On consideration of the same it is concluded that the Treasurer of this meeting be directed to pay our proportion of the sum required, namely $184, 23 per ct. to the Treasurer of said committee

Samuel Austin, clerk

Second Month 1876

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2mo 3 1876.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the Friends named, as follows, have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives viz.: for Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, Joseph S. Anthony, Levi Almy, & Joseph E. Macomber.
For Greenwich Perez Peck & Edward Buffinton
" Swansea, Samuel R. Buffinton, Hiram Buffinton and Benjamin A. Chase.
For Providence Joseph Cartland, Joseph H. Atwater and Thomas Harkness.
For South Kingstown, John Babcock, Francis W. Collins who are present except one

Perez Peck informed that most of the representatives had met this morning and were united in proposing Samuel Austin for clerk and Charles W. Earle for assistant clerk;

which being separately considered & united with, they are accordingly appointed to this service for the ensuing year or until another appointment

Rhode Island, Greenwich and Swansea Monthly Meetings inform that they have directed the payment of their proportion of this Quarterly Meeting stock to our Treasurer.

Our beloved friend, George Richardson attended this meeting & presented a copy of a minute from Sidney Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us. Our beloved friend Sarah M. Richardson accompanying her husband George Richardson is also acceptably with us. The clerk is directed to sign a minute made on her account in the women's meeting

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Nichols in attendance of this meeting presented a minute from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him & with his present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Sarah H. Goddard & Mary Alice Gifford with minutes from the same Monthly Meeting expressing unity with them as ministers & with their present engagements have been acceptably with us, and the clerk is directed to sign minutes made in the women's meeting on their account.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings

It is concluded that the Representatives hereafter meet at 10 o'clock at the meeting house in Providence on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting in the 2d month and at 9 A.M. in the 5th Mo. at East Greenwich and the clerk is directed to forward this information to eathe Monthly Meetings.

The business before us having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time at East Greenwich in the 5th Month next, if the Lord permit

Samuel Austin, clerk

Fifth Month 1876.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th Mo. 4th 1876.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the Friends named, as follows, have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives, viz:

for R. Island, George Anthony, Jacob Mott & Isaac B. Macomber
" Greenwich, Solomon B. Knowles & Charles W. Earle
" Swansea, Obadiah Chase and Nathan Chase
" Providence, James Dennis, Samuel Austin & Robert J. Hardin
" South Kingstown, Edward W. Collins & George S. Gould, who are present.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings. We have adopted the subjoined summary answers which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our friends, George Anthony

Thomas B. Buffum, Joseph Cartland, James Dennis, Abner Slade, Albert K. Smiley, Charles W. Earle, Obadiah Chase, Abel P. Collins, Samuel Austin, William H. Perry, Benjamin Buffum, Jacob Mott whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings give the following statistics; an abstract of which the clerk is directed to forward to the Yearly Meeting, viz::

	Births	Deaths	Removed in	Removed out	Admitted	Discontinued	Total members
Rhode Island Mo. Mtg.	0	1	1	2	2	0	95
Greenwich "	0	1	0	0	2	0	57
Swansea "	0	2	0	0	12	0	182
Providence "	1	5	2	2	7	1	252
South Kingstown "	0	1	0	0	1	0	55
	1	10	3	4	24	1	671

We are informed that Providence and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings have directed the payment of their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock to our Treasurer. He is directed to pay to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer our quota of Yearly Meeting Stock.

Our beloved Friend Fisher, having attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister & with his present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us; the clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute

We have received the following report from the committee appointed in the 8th Month last which was satisfactory

"To the Quarterly Meeting

The Committee on General Meetings would report that during the past year there has been one General Meeting at Hopkinton R. I. which was very satisfactory. We believe the Lord owned and blessed it.

We would say that series of meetings have been held at Newport and Fall River. These meetings have in part taken the place of General Meetings

Signed On behalf of the committee
Joseph E. Macomber "
Greenwich 5th Mo. 4. 1876. Sarah Slade

Having disposed of the business before us we conclude under a grateful sense of the Divine goodness, purposing to meet at Newport in the 8th month next, if the Lord permit.

Samuel Austin, Clerk.

Fifth Month 1876

Summary Answers

1st. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held except a few small meetings. On First day morning they are attended by Friends generally. Those in the middle of the week and one on First day afternoon more neglected by many. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed.

2d. Love and unity are nearly maintained. Detraction is guarded against with little exception. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

3d. Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation; & those who have children & others under their care, endeavor by example & precept to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession.

4th. We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, & encourage their children in the practice of this religious duty. Our members maintain our testimony to a free Gospel ministry, with few exceptions.

5th. The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage avoided. With little exception our members are careful to avoid amusements & diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, & to observe true moderation in all things.

6th. The circumstances of the poor & such as appear likely to need assistance are attended to & their necessities relieved; & care is taken to educate their children.

7th. Careful as to the several parts of this query.

8th. Friends frequently inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; generally punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts & mostly careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Careful as to records; a few removals without certificates; some care taken.

10th. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely & impartially. Judgment is placed, when necessary, & according to discipline.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England

Dear Friends

We would again reverently acknowledge "the kindness & love of God our Savior" still extended towards us. In usual course, the Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings. We have adopted the accompanying summary answers which we forward for your information by our friends George Anthony, Thomas B. Buffum, Joseph Cartland, James Dennis, Abner Slade, Albert H. Smiley, Charles H. Earle, Obadiah Chase, Abel F. Collins, Samuel Austin, William H. Perry, Benjamin Buffum, Jacob Mott whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as representatives.

There has been received and apportioned to our Monthly Meetings the usual number of copies of the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, of the Boarding School Report, & of the London General Epistle for 1875.

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay to yours, our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock and also of the sum required by the Yearly Meeting's Committee for the improvement of the Western Indians.

Returns from our Monthly Meetings enable us to forward you the following Statistics viz:

Number of births in this Qr Meeting for year ending 5 mo. 1876, - 1.
" deaths 10; Removals into Monthly Meetings 3
Removals out, 4; Number admitted on request 24.
No. discontinued 1.

Present No. of members in R. I. Quarterly Meeting 671.

Signed on behalf & by direction of R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 4th of 5th Mo 1876.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Eighth Month 18[illegible]

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th [illegible]

From accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the friends named as follows, have been appointed to attend as representatives viz. for R. Island Meeting, George Bowen, Isaac B. Macomber and Levi Almy.

For Greenwich Monthly Meeting Edward Burlingame
" " " Chas. H. Earle
" Swansea, [illegible], Obadiah Chase and Samuel R. Buffington
" [illegible] [illegible]
" Thomas Chase,
For Kingston, John [illegible] and Abel F. Collins:

Present except two [illegible] absence [illegible] of whom a sufficient [illegible]

We have received from the Yearly Meeting the following minute. [illegible] appoint Thomas [illegible] to settle the Treasurer's account, suggest the amount to be raised by this meeting and propose a quota [illegible]

[illegible] $3000 [illegible]

and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to George Rowland Jr, our Treasurer, their respective [illegible]

From the Minutes of the meeting
Charles F. Tucker, Clerk

The Clerk informs that there have been received from the clerk of the Yearly Meeting three hundred copies of the Minutes of that meeting, which have been apportioned and forwarded to our Monthly Meetings; copies of the Boarding School report having been received and furnished the Monthly Meetings some time previous.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th from our several Monthly Meetings.

Our valued friend Stanley Pumphrey attended this meeting & presented a copy of a certificate from [illegible] endorsed by the Western Quarterly Meeting held at Worcester, England, on the 4th of the 5th Mo. 1875; also a certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London on the 17th, 18th & 29th of 5th Mo. 1875, all expressing their unity with him as a minister, their sympathy & concurrence in his prospect of labor in this land. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute.

[illegible] Meeting report that they attended.

We have, at this time, read the London General Epistle for 1875. Its excellent Christian doctrine & counsel [illegible]

[illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible] Charles W. [illegible]

[illegible]

The business of the meeting having been accomplished, we now conclude; purposing to meet at Fall River at the usual time in the eleventh month next, if the Lord permit.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Eleventh Month 1876

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Fall River 11th mo. 2d 1876.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, [illegible] the representatives to attend this [illegible],
For R. Island, Joseph J. Anthony, Geo. Dunn & Samuel [illegible]
" Greenwich, Solomon R. Knowles & Charles H. Earle
" [illegible], Benjamin A. [illegible]
" Providence, [illegible] & James [illegible],
" [illegible], James G. Collins & [illegible]
who are all present except [illegible].

The Queries have been read and answers from each of our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d and 10th.

The committee to examine the Treasurer's account made report as follows, which is satisfactory; & our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective quotas of stock to James Dennis, whom we appoint our Treasurer, viz:

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
The committee on the treasury report attention to their appointment, and find, on examination of the account, a balance in hand of [illegible] dollars. We propose to raise one thousand dollars, and James Dennis for treasurer.
Providence 10th mo. 4th 1876 Thomas Harkness } Committee
Saml R. Buffinton }

In concurrence with the women's Quarterly Meeting we unite with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Harkness to the station of elder. The clerk is requested to give the necessary information in the case.

The clerk informs that 430 copies of the London General Epistle for 1876, received from our Yearly Meeting, have been apportioned & forwarded to our Monthly Meetings —

South Kingstown Monthly meeting reports to this as follows "The whole amount laid out in repairing meeting house at Hopkinton after turning and

[illegible] - - - - -	$ 1198.58
[illegible]	200.
Amount given by individuals	792.69
" recd for window sash, lumber, & timber	14.68
balance unpaid	91.21

1198.58

On consideration thereof, this meeting authorizes our Treasurer to pay the said balance to the order of the Treasurer of South Kingstown Monthly meeting.

The London General Epistle for this year has been read; its Christian doctrine & counsel are encouraging to us,

Having disposed of the business before us we now conclude, proposing to meet at the usual time in Providence, in the second month next, if the Lord permit.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Second Month 1877

Opening Minute At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2d Mo 1st 1877.

And Accounts from the Mo Mtgs From accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives named to attend this Meeting are
For R. I. Monthly Meeting Stephen Chase Jos. E Macomber and Jacob Mott
" Greenwich Chas. W. Earle, Edward Buffinton
" Swansea Saml. R Buffinton Obadiah Chase and Darius Buffinton
" Providence Benjm. Buffum, Albert K Smiley and Thomas Harkness
" South Kingstown Wm. H. Perry and Edward W. Collins who are present.

Report of the Represen- tatives for Cler[illegible] Obadiah Chase for the representatives informs that they had conferred together in relation to Clerks, and were united in proposing Saml. R. Buffinton for Clerk and Chas. W Earle for Assistant Clerk. Which having been separately considerd are united with, and they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year or untill another appointment.

Same

Qr. Meeting Stock paid

Rhode Island East Greenwich, Swansea and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings, by there accounts inform that they have directed the payment of their quota of Qr. Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting

Barnabas C Hobbs

Our beloved friend Barnabas C. Hobbs attended this meeting, and produced satisfactory testimonials from Bloomingdale Monthly Meeting of Friends in Park Co. Ind held 12^{d} Mo 1st 1876, Endorsed by Bloomingdale Qr. Meeting expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his prospect as therein recited, His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the Minute made on his behalf

Abel F & Electa Jane Collins appointed to Station of Elder

South Kingstown Mo. Meeting in their account informs this Meeting that they are united in the appointments of our friends Abel F Collins and Electa Jane Collins to the Station of Elders, with which this Meeting unites, having the concurrence of the Womens Meeting therein, and the Clerk is requested to give the necessary information in the case, as directed by our book of Discipline.

Queries read & Answered

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2^{d} & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

J Williams Jacobs from China Mo. Mtg attended this Mtg

Our beloved friend J Williams Jacobs attended this Meeting And presented a Certificate from China Monthly Meeting held 5th Mo 17th 1876. Expressing unity with him as a Minister, and with his proposed religious prospect, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. And the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the minute made on his behalf.

Closing Minute

Having disposed of the business which had claimed our attention at this

Same — time we conclude, purposing to meet at East Greenwich in 5th Mo next if the Lord permit

Samuel R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 1877

Opening Minute — At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th M 3rd 1877

And accounts from the Mo Mtgs — By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends, have been appointed to attend this Meeting as representatives viz

For R Island. Jacob Mott, Stephen A. Watson & Thomas B Buffum
" Greenwich Asa Sisson & Charles W. Earle
" Swansea. Hiram Buffinton, Nathan Chace & Saml R Buffinton
" Providence Joseph H. Atwater, Benjamin Buffum & Thomas Harkness
" So Kingstown. Peter H. Collins & John Babcock

whose names being called are all present.

Queries & Answers and Representatives to the Yr Meeting — The Queries have been read, with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which the subjoined Summary answers have been adopted, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our friends Obadiah Chace, Nathan Chace, Hiram Buffinton Albert K Smiley. Benjamin Buffum. Joseph E Macomber, Benjamin F Knowles, Asa Sisson, Charles W. Earle & Saml R Buffinton, whom we appoint to attend the same as our representatives.

Yr Meeting Stock — Providence Monthly Meeting by their accounts inform that they have directed the payment of their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock to our Treasurer And He is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our quota of Yearly Meeting Stock.

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings furnish the following Statistical information, an Abstract of which the Clerk is directed to forward to the Yearly Meeting Viz

Statistical Report

	Births	Deaths	Removals Into	Removals Out of	Admitted by request	Disowned	Total Members 3 mo 1st/77
Rhode Island Mo. Meeting	1	4	0	1	1	0	92
Greenwich do do	0	3	0	0	5	0	59
Swansea do do	2	5	0	0	3	0	183
Providence do do	2	4	4	2	1	4	249
So. Kingstown do do	0	2	0	0	1	0	84
Totals	5	18	4	3	11	4	667

Swansea 1 not befo reported & added at this time —

Report of deaths of Elders in R.I. and Greenwich Mo. Mtgs

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs that Anna Mott an Elder died 6 mo 17th 1876 aged 78 yrs 11 mos & 19 days. Hannah Dame an Elder died 4 mo 3d 1877 aged 72 yrs 5 mos & 9 days. Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs that Deborah Howland an Elder died 5th Mo 27th 1876. Aged 81 Years Perez Peck an elder died 6 mo 15th 1876 aged 89 yrs & 9 mos. Jonathan Freeborn an Elder died 8 mo 26th 1876 aged 82 yrs. 4 mos & 10 days

Elizh H Potter Station of Elder —

We have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth H. Potter to the Station of Elder

Smithfield Pre and Mtg for Worship held on that day laid down

Providence Monthly Meeting in their account informs that Smithfield Preparative Meeting with the Meeting for Worship held on the same day, was laid down in 3 mo 1877, and its members Annexed to Providence Preparative Meeting, with which this Meeting unites.

Sarah B Satterthwaite from England

Our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite from Great Britain attended this Meeting, and presented a certificate from Holm Mo. Mtg held at Beckfoot 3 mo 16th 1876. Endorsed by the Qt. Mtg for Cumberland and Northumberland held at Carlisle the 30th 3 mo 1876, Also a Certificate from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London from the 22d 5 mo to the 3d of 6 mo (inclusive) 1876. each expressing unity with her as a Minister and with her proposed religious prospect — her company and religious services have been acceptable to us

Anna Potts Companion to Sarah B Satterthwaite

Our beloved friend Anna Potts, acceptably attended this meeting as companion to our friend Sarah B Satterthwaite, and produced a minute of unity from the Monthly Meeting of Friends for Western District of Philadelphia held 4 mo 25 1877.

Charlotte D Holmes

Our beloved friend Charlotte D Holmes attended this Meeting, and presented a Minute from Smithfield Mo. Mtg of Friends held 4 mo 26 1877. expressing unity with her as a Minister and with her proposed religious prospect. her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf Minutes made by the Womens Y. Mtg for our Sisters now in attendance with us

Josiah Holmes

Our beloved friend Josiah Holmes Junr, attended this Meeting and produced a minute from New Bedford Mo. Mtg of Friends held 10 mo 26 1876, expressing unity with him as a Minister, and with his proposed religious concern. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf

Memorial of Perez & Joanna Peck from Greenwich Mo Mtg

Received from Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends a Memorial concerning our late dear friends Perez & Joanna Peck which upon being read, satisfaction was therewith expressed, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting and forward it to the "Representative Meeting"

Closing Minute

Having accomplished the business claiming our attention at this time, we now conclude purposing to meet at Newport in the 8th mo next if the Lord permit —

Samuel R Buffinton
Clerk.

Summary Answers

1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except 36 small Meetings, which have been dropped on account of inclement weather, and the small number of members constituting them. Friends generally attend them duly, and nearly at the hour appointed, Clear of unbecoming behaviour, except in two Meetings that report mostly clear-

2d Love and unity maintained with little exception, Detraction generally guarded against, when differences arise endeavors are used to end them,

3d Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and by example and precept to bring up those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession-

4th We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families; encouraging their Children and others in this important duty And generally maintain our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry.

5th Clear as to the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, are mostly avoided We believe a good degree of Moderation in all things is generally observed

6th The circumstances of the poor are attended to. And their necessities relieved, their Children partake of learning

7th We know of no violation of our testimony in regard to the several particulars of this query

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts, and punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, And to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th Recording is attended to, some removals without certificates which are under notice

10th Care rests with Friends to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially, and to place judgment when necessary in the authority of Truth and according to discipline.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England

Dear Friends.

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers from each of our Mo. Mtgs, and the accompanying Summary Answers have been adopted, which we forward, with other extracts from our minutes, by our friends Obadiah Chase, Nathan Chase, Hiram Buffinton Albert K Smiley Benjamin Buffum, Joseph E Macomber, Benjamin F Knowles, Asa Sisson, Charles W. Earle and Saml. R Buffinton, whom we appoint to attend the Yearly Meeting as Representatives

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay to yours our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock

There has been received by this Meeting and apportioned to our several Mo. Mtgs 450 copies of the Printed London general Epistle for 1876.– 300 copies of the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, and the usual number of the Committees report having charge of the Boarding School at Providence

By the returns from our several Mo. Mtgs, the following items of Statistics were received, which we forward for your information viz

Number of Births within the past Year	5
" " Deaths " " " "	18
Removals into Mo. Meetings	4
Out of " "	3
No of admissions by requests	11
" Disowned	4
Total No members 3 Mo 1st 1877	667

This meeting has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Harkness to the station of Elder, and with So. Kingstown Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Abel F. Collins and Electa Jane Collins, and with Rhode Island Mo Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth H. Potter to the same station

Anna Mott an Elder, a member of R. I. Mo Mtg died 6 mo 17th 1876 aged 78 yrs 11 mos & 19 days. Hannah Dame an Elder and member of the same Meeting died 4 mo 3rd 1877 aged 72 yrs 5 mos & 9 days. Deborah Howland an Elder died 5 mo 27th 1876 aged 81 years. Perez Peck an Elder died 6 mo 15th 1876 aged 89 yrs & 9 mos. Jonathan Freeborn an Elder died 8 mo 26th 1876 aged 82 yrs 4 mos & 10 days, all members of Greenwich Mo. Meeting.

This meeting has united with Providence Mo Meeting in the laying down of Smithfield Preparative Meeting, and the Meeting for worship, occuring on the same day, and of annexing the members thereof to Providence Preparative Meeting

Signed on behalf and by direction of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 3rd 1877

Samuel R Buffinton
Clerk

Eighth Month 1877

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 mo 2nd 1877

By the accounts from each of our Monthly Meetings the following named friends are appointed to attend this Meeting as representatives viz

Opening Minute and Accounts from Mo Meetings

For Rhode Island Mo. Mtg George Bowen, Joseph E. Macomber David Buffum & Stephen A. Watson
" Greenwich do. do Charles W. Earle Solomon R Knowles
" Swansea do do Obadiah Chace. Nathan Chace & Saml R Buffinton
" Providence do do Thos. Harkness, Saml Austin & Joseph Atwater

So Kingstown Mo Mtg Clarkson A Collins
& William S. Collins

Same — Whose names being called are all present except two for whose absence satisfactory reason was given for One

Queries Read — The Queries have been read with Answers from each of our Monthly Meetings to the first, Second, and tenth.

The Representatives to the late Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended We have received from the Yearly Meeting the following Minute relative to Stock viz.

Minute from the Yearly Meeting — "At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland Maine in the Sixth Month 1877" It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the present year Three Thousand Dollars ($3000). And our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to George Howland Jr our Treasurer their respective proportions of that Sum

The Quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is 23 per ct. viz $690–

Also the following relative to General Meetings viz

Same — "The Committee on General Meetings under appointment last year, was continued for further service the ensuing year, as way may open; And our Quarterly Meetings are hereby requested to appoint Committees to Co-operate with the above Committee as heretofore

And the following Minute in relation to Foreign Missions

Same — At the request of the Committee on Foreign Missions, our Monthly Meetings are directed to appoint Committees of those interested in the work, as soon as practicable after receiving this information, to assist in carrying out the concern of the Yearly Meeting
Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting aforesaid
Wm O. Newhall Clerk

We appoint our friends George Bowen & Thomas Harkness a Committee to settle the Treasurer account, suggest the Amount to be raised by this Meeting & propose a friend for Treasurer and report at our Next Meeting

Committee to settle Treasurer acc &c

* We reappoint our friends Joseph E. Macomber James Dennis Saml R Buffinton Abel F Collins, and add at this time the name of Chas W Earle a committee to cooperate with the Committee of the Yearly Meeting, in the carrying forward of this concern, and report to this Meeting in 5th mo next year

General Meeting Committee

* We are informed by a member of the Committee on General Meetings that there has been No General Meetings held within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting, and nothing in connection therewith to claim ~~their~~ attention since the appointment of the committee and

and Report of General Meetings Committee

Our Monthly Meetings are directed to appoint Committees of those interested in the Foreign Mission work, to cooperate with the Yearly Meetings Committee in this important concern of the Church

Mo Mtgs to appoint committees on Foreign Mission Work

The Clerk informs that there has been received 281 copies of the Printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, and also a requisite number of the Boarding School Report both of which have been apportioned and sent down to our several Mo. Meetings

Quota of Yearly Meeting papers &c

The Clerk is directed to inform the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, of the appointment of a person by this Meeting in the 11 mo last to the Station of Elder, and also to inform the person so appointed of the action of this Meeting therein, said information not having been furnished in accordance with the requirements of our discipline

Information to Mtg of Ministers and Elders of the appointment of an Elder

The business which has claimed our attention at this time having been accomplished in much harmony, we now conclude purposing should the Lord permit to meet again in the 11th month at Fall River

Closing Minute

Samuel R Buffinton Clerk

Eleventh Month 1877

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 1st 1877. From the accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings, the friends named therein as Representatives to attend this Meeting are as follows viz

For Rhode Island Mo. Mtg. George Anthony
Jacob Mott & Jos. E Macomber
" Greenwich do Chas. W. Earle & Edward Buffinton
" Swansea do Stephen Weaver, Darius
Buffinton & Nathan Chace
" Providence do Thomas Harkness Thomas J
Battey and James Dennis
" So. Kingstown do James R Collins and
William H Perry

whose names being called are all present except One

The Queries have been read in this Meeting at this time with Answers from each of our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2nd and 10th

Report of Committee to settle Trea. Acs

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to settle the Treasurers Account and for other purposes presented the following report viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The committee on the Treasury Report - They have Examined the Treasurers account and find a balance in his hands of Two hundred forty two & 95/100 dollars. We would propose that the sum of Six hundred dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting and that James Dennis be appointed Treasurer
Providence 10th Mo 11th 1877

Thomas Harkness }
Geo. Bowen } Committee

which is Satisfactory and the recommendations
therein are approved and adopted by this Meeting
and our Monthly Meetings are requested to Same
forward there Respective Quotas of Stock
therein named to James Dennis our Treasurer Appoint-
This Meeting has united with Greenwich ment of
Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Edward Edward
Buffinton to the Station of Elder, also with Buffinton
Swansea Mo Meeting in the appointment of to Station
Samuel R Buffinton to the Same Station, of Elder
the Womens Quarterly Meeting concurring therein.
and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary
information in the case as required by discipline Ditto
We have united with the Womens Quarterly Rhoda
Meeting in the appointment of Rhoda H H Buffin
Buffinton, of Greenwich Monthly Meeting to the ton
Station of Elder
Having disposed of the Closing
business claiming our attention at this Minute
time. We now conclude purposing to
meet at the appointed time in the 2d
Month next at Providence should the
Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Second Month 1878

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
of Friends held at Providence 2 mo 7th 1878.
By the accounts from our Monthly Meeting
it appears that the following named
friends have been appointed Representatives
to attend this Meeting Viz

For Rhode Island Mo Mtg John Burgess,
Jacob Mott & Stephen Chace
For Greenwich do do Solomon R Knowles
& Asa Sisson
" Swansea do do Stephen Weaver, Daniel
Chace & Nathan Chace
" Providence do do James Dennis, Robert
B Hanson & James H. Chace

For South Kingstown Mo. Mtg Abel F. Collins
& William H. Perry

whose names being called are all present

Report of Representatives for Clerk

Jacob Mott on behalf of the Representatives inform that they have conferred together upon the subject of Clerks for this Meeting and are united in proposing the name of Samuel R Buffinton for Clerk and Charles W. Earle for Assistant Clerk, which having been seperately considered, and united with, they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year

Queries Read

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings

Payment of Q Mtg Stock

Rhode Island Swansea, Providence and South Kingstown Mo. Meetings, inform that they have directed the payment of their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting

George E Dillingham

Our beloved friend George E. Dillingham, attended this and presented a certificate from Winneshiek Mo. Meeting of Friends held 4 mo 21st 1877. Endorsed by Winneshiek Quarterly Meeting held 4 mo 28th 1877, each expressing unity with him, as a Minister and with his proposed religious engagements. His company and religious services, have been acceptable to this Meeting

Chas H Jones

Our beloved friend Chas H. Jones attended this Meeting and presented a minute from Weare Mo. Mtg of Friends held 10 mo. 4th 1877. Expressing unity with him as a Minister, and with his proposed religious engagements. His company and religious services, have been acceptable to us

Sarah W Goddard

We also have the acceptable company of our beloved friend Sarah W. Goddard. Who presented a minute from Vassalboro Mo. Meeting of Friends held 10 mo 16th 1877 expressing unity with her as a Minister and with her proposed religious concern as expressed therein. Her religious services have also been acceptable to us.

Frances C Dilling ham -

We have also with us our beloved friend Frances C. Dillingham, accompanying her husband George E. Dillingham, who produced a Minute from Winneshiek Mo. Meeting expressing unity with her as a member. Her company has been Acceptable to us

Minutes for Minist in Attenda

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends present with us to day with Minutes from other Meetings, Copies of the Minutes made on their behalf, and also to sign such as may be made in the Womens Meeting on the same account.

Rebecca Anthony gift in the Ministry Acknowledged

Swansea Mo. Meeting in their account to this Meeting informs that they are united in acknowledging the gift, and approving of the public appearances in the Ministry of Rebecca Anthony, with which this and the womens Meeting are united, and the Clerk is directed to forward the necessary information, which the action of this Meeting requires -

Closing Minute

Having again been permitted, through the Mercy and — loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, to accomplish the business of the Church, which has claimed our attention at this time we now conclude, purposing to meet at East Greenwich, in the 5th mo next, should the Lord so permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 1878

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 2d 1878, it appears by the Accounts received from our Mo. Meetings, that the following named Friends, have been appointed to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz:

For Rhode Island Mo. Meeting Joseph E Macomber
Jacob Mott, Stephen Chace Thos R Buffum
" Greenwich do do Chas W Earle & Charles D. Kenyon
" Swansea do do Saml R Buffinton
Thos H Buffinton Obadiah Chace & Philip J Tripp

For Providence Mo. Meeting James Dennis Joseph H. Atwater & Benjamin Buffum
" South Kingstown do. do. William T Collins and John Babcock

Whose names being called are all present except one

Queries Read & Answered And Representatives to the Yr Mtg

The Queries have been read, with Answers thereto, from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which the subjoined Summary answers have been adopted, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting, next to be held, at Newport by our friends: Allen Jay, Stephen Chace, Abner Slade, Jacob Mott, Hiram Buffinton, James Dennis, Benjamin Buffum, Albert K. Smiley, Obadiah Chace, Peter H. Collins, Charles W. Earle and Nathan Chace, whom we appoint as our Representatives to that Meeting

Quarterly Meeting Stock Paid & Yr Mtg Stock Ordered Paid

Greenwich and South Kingstown Mo. Meetings inform that they have payed their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock to James Dennis our Treasurer

And he is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our quota of Yearly Meetings Stock.

Statistical Report for the Yr Meeting

By the Statistical reports from each of our Monthly Meeting, the following information has been received, an Abstract of which the Clerk is directed to forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by

	Births	Deaths	Removals into	Do out of	Admitted by Request	Released	Total Membership
Rhode Island	0	0	1	0	15	0	108
Greenwich	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
Swansea	0	3	4	2	8	0	190
Providence	1	5	3	4	1	1	238
So. Kingstown	1	2	0	3	0	0	80
Totals	2	10	8	9	24	1	675

showing an increase of Eight Members over last year

South Kingstown Mo. Meeting in there account reports the death of Elizabeth Peckham a member and Minister of that Meeting

3d Mo 1st 1878 Aged 85 years 3 Mos and 22 days

They also inform that they are united in asking the Quarterly Meeting to establish a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders in that Monthly Meeting to be held as follows viz On Seventh day previous to the holding of the Monthly Meeting at Peacedale in the fourth (4th) and Seventh (7th) months, and at Hopkinton in the tenth (10th) and first (1st) months at 2 Oclock in the afternoon, which request after claiming the consideration of the Meeting is fully united with, having the unity of the Womens Quarterly Meeting therein, and the said Meeting is hereby authorized to be set up, and held ~~at the time~~ and places proposed by the Monthly Meeting

South Kingstown requests the establishing a Mtg of Ministers & Elders

Joseph E Macomber on behalf of the Committee of this Meeting on "General Meetings" made the following Report viz

The Quarterly Meetings Committee to cooperate with the Yearly Meetings Committee on General Meetings, have attended to their appointment, as far as way had opened; there has been no General Meeting in the limits of the Quarterly Meeting the past year. On behalf of the Committee of Men friends J. E. Macomber

Which report is satisfactory to this Meeting

Report of Committee on General Meetings

* see below

Having again to acknowledge, that through great Mercy we have been permitted, to meet and accomplish the business, which has claimed our attention at this time we now conclude, purposing, to meet at Newport at the usual time in the 8 Mo next should the Lord permit *This Meeting being informed that South Kingstown Mo. Meeting had not been officially informed of its action in the case of Harriet D Collins, presented in their accounts to this Meeting in 5th Mo 1874, the Meeting now direct its Clerks to furnish said Mo. Meeting with its decision therein

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Closing Minute

So Kingstown Mo Mtg in case of Harriet D. Collins

Fifth Month 1878

Summary Answers

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline except 8 have been regularly held; on First day morning they are attended duly by a fair proportion of our members, some afternoons and those in the middle of the week are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

2d. Love and Unity maintained with little exception, detraction guarded against, when differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

3d. We believe Friends are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation, and those who have children or others under their care endeavor by precept and example to train them up, in accordance with our christian profession.

4th. We believe most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in this important duty; and maintain our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry, with some exception.

5th. So far as we know, Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character, are mostly avoided, and we a good degree of Moderation in all things is observed.

6th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

7th. Friends observe the several parts of this query.

8th. With a few exceptions in one Monthly Meeting Friends are careful to attend to the several important requirements of this query.

9th. Recording attended to. Some removals without certificates; some care taken.

10th. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially and to place judgment when it appears necessary, in the authority of Truth, and according to discipline.

5th Month 1878

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends of New England next to be held at Newport

Dear friends

The Queries have been read with Answers thereto from each of our Mo. Meetings, from which the accompanying Answers, have been adopted, which we forward, with other extracts from our Minutes for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our friends Allen Jay Stephen Chace. Abner Slade. Jacob Mott Hiram Buffinton. James Dennis, Benjamin Buffum, Albert K. Smiley, Obadiah Chace Peter H Collins, Charles W. Earle and Nathan Chace whom we appoint as our Representatives to said Meeting

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of that Meetings Stock

There has been received and apportioned to our Mo. Meetings 281 copies of the printed Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, and the usual number of the Boarding School Committees report

Accompanying the Accounts from our several Mo Meetings, we received the following items of Statistical information, which we forward together with the total number of Members belonging to this Quarterly Meeting 3rd mo 1st. 1878 viz

Number of Births during the year	Two (2)
" " Deaths " " "	Ten (10)
Removals into Mo Meetings by Certificates	Eight (8)
Removals Out of by Certificate	Nine (9)
Number received into Membership by request	Twenty four (24)
Number Released	One (1)

Total number of Members 3mo 1st 1878. 675

This Meeting has united with Greenwich Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Edward Buffinton and Rhoda H Buffinton to the Station of Elder, and with Swansea Mo Meeting in the appointment of Sam'l R Buffinton to the same Station

And have also united with Swansea Mo Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving of the public appearances in the ministry of Rebecca Anthony.

This Meeting has united with the request of South Kingstown Mo Meeting in establishing a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders within the limits of that Mo Meeting, to meet on the Seventh (7th) day previous to the holding of the Mo Meeting at Peacedale in the (4th) fourth and Seventh (7th) months, and at Hopkinton in the tenth (10th) and first (1st) months at 2 Oclock in the afternoon

Elizabeth Peckham a member and Minister of South Kingstown Mo Meeting died 3mo 1st 1878 aged 85 years 3 months and 22 days

Taken from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 2d 1878 by direction of said Meeting

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Eighth Month 1878

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8/Mo 1st 1878 — From the accounts received at this time from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz

For Rhode Island, Levi Almy, George Anthony and George Bowen
" Greenwich Asa Sisson and Chas W. Earle
" Swansea Herbert A Skinner, Hiram Buffinton and Darius Buffinton
" Providence Thomas Harkness Thomas J Battey and Danl Meader
" South Kingstown Abel F. Collins, & James R Collins. whose names being called are all present

The Representatives to the late Yearly Meeting all attended except two.

Queries & Answers

The queries have been read with Answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings

Yearly Meetings Minute

The following minute from the late Yearly Meeting relative to Stock has been received and read viz

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England 6th month 1878

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year the sum of Five thousand (5000) dollars; and George Howland is re-appointed Treasurer

Our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting

Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings Quota 23 pr ct — $1150—

By direction of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

Quota of Minutes &c received from Yrly Mtg

There has been received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting 270 copies of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting, and also a requisite number of the Boarding School Report, both of which have been apportioned and sent down to our several Monthly Meetings.

John F. Hanson

Our beloved friend John F. Hanson attended this Meeting, and presented satisfactory testimonials from his respective Meetings, expressing unity with him as a Minister, and with his proposed religious engagements, His company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute, and sign the same on our behalf

Committee to audit Treas a/cs

We appoint our friends Geo. Bowen Jacob Mott and Thomas Harkness a committee to audit the Treasurers account, recommend an amount necessary to be raised by this Meeting, and present the name of a Friend for Treasurer, and report at our next Meeting

South Kingston Mo Mtg notified

The Clerk informs that he has notified South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, of the Action of this Meeting, as directed by Minute of this Meeting of 5th mo last -

Harriet D. Collins

This Meeting unites with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the Gift, and approving of the Public Ministry of Harriet D. Collins,

Womens Meeting Object to the Mens Action in the above Case

Which information being communicated to the Womens Meeting for their concurrent action thereon, the following was returned to this Meeting viz "We decide under a very solemn covering that the time has not fully come to unite with South Kingstown Mo. Mtg in this proposition"

Boarding School Report referred

The report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, was presented at this time, the reading of which was by the direction of the Meeting dispensed with.

Closing Minute

Having through the continued love and Mercy of our Heavenly Father, been again permitted to meet in a Quarterly Meeting capacity and to transact the affairs of the Church, which have claimed our attention in harmony, and brotherly condescension; we now conclude with emotions of Thanksgivings and Praise upon our hearts, for His continued care over us, purposing to meet at Fall River at the usual time, in the 11th Month, should the Lord permit

Saml. R Buffinton Clerk

Eleventh Month 1878

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 7th 1878

From Accounts received from the Several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed by them to attend this Meeting as Representatives Viz

For Rhode Island Arthur Gladding and Isaac B. Macomber
" Greenwich Abel C Kenyon and Charles W. Earle
" Swansea Philip J Tripp, Obadiah M Buffinton and Saml K. Buffinton
" Providence Thomas Harkness, Albert K. Smiley and William G. Coffin
" South Kingstown Peter H. Collins and William H Perry, whose names being called are all present except two for the absence of One a satisfactory reason was given

Queries & Answers

The Queries have been read with Answers to the 1st 2nd + 10th from each of the Monthly Meetings

Report of Committee to audit Treas &c

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to Audit the Treasurers accounts and for other purposes, presented the following Report Viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
The Committee on the Treasury Report we have examined and settled the Treasurers Account, Balance on hand One hundred thirty Six & 20/100 dollars. We propose that Eleven hundred dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting, and that James Dennis be appointed Treasurer

Thomas Harkness
11 Mo 4th 1878 for the Committee

which report is satisfactory, and the recommendations therein approved and adopted by this Meeting, and the Monthly Meetings are requested to forward there respective quota of the Amount named to James Dennis our Treasurer

Mary Hoag

Our beloved Friend Mary H. Hoag attended this Meeting, and produced Satisfactory testimonials from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, expressing unity with her as a Minister, and with her religious prospect, Her Company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the Minute that may be made in the Womens Meeting on her account, embracing the substance of this

Susan G. Kempton Companion

We have at this time the acceptable Company of our dear Friend Susan G. Kempton as Companion to our friend Mary H. Hoag, with Minute from New Bedford Mo. Meeting of Friends, expressing unity with her as a member, and encouraging her in her engagement. The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the Minute that may be made on her account by the Womens Meeting

London General Epistle

The London General Epistle for 1878 has been read at this time and the many Gospel truths contained therein have been truly edifying and comforting to us.

Yr Mtgs quota of documents recd

There has been received by the Clerk of this Meeting 448 Copies of the London General Epistle for 1878. Which he has apportioned and forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings, the receipt of which is acknowledged at this time by Providence and Greenwich.

Closing Minute

Having been favored to dispose of the business claiming our attention, at this time in love, we now conclude purposing to meet at the appointed time in the 2nd Month next at Providence, should the Lord permit

Saml. R. Buffinton Clerk

Second Month 1879-

Opening Minute & Representatives

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2d mo 6th 1879. By the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed as Representatives therefrom to attend this Meeting viz

from Mo Meetings

From Rhode Island Stephen Chace John Burgess and Jacob Mott
" Greenwich Charles W. Earle and Asa Sisson
" Swansea Benjamin A Chace Herbert A. Skinner & Chas A Chace
" Providence Saml Austin Allen Jay and Thomas J Salter
" South Kingstown Peter H Collins and William H Perry

who are all present

Report of Representation on Clerks

Jacob Mott on behalf of the representatives informed the Meeting that they had conferred together, upon the subject of Clerks for this Meeting, and were united in proposing the Name of Saml R Buffinton for Clerk, and Charles W. Earle for Assistant Clerk, which names being seperately considered, are united with and they are accordingly appointed to those Stations respectively for the ensuing year

Payment of Mo Mtg Stocks ordered paid

Rhode Island, Greenwich and Swansea Monthly Meetings, by there accounts inform that they have directed the payment of Quarterly Meetings stock called for in 11 mo last.

Thomas B Nichols

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Nichols, attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo 14th 1879 expressing unity with him as a minister

And with this proposed religious prospect, His Company and religious Services have been acceptable to us, And the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign the same on our behalf.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting in their account to this Meeting presented the following communication Viz

Application of Lydia A Macomber to lease land of Greenwich Mo Mtg

Lydia A Macomber having made application for a lease of a portion of the Meeting House lot at East Greenwich, say 50 x 80 ft. in the South east corner of sd lot, in order to build thereon a dwelling-house for her own use. The Meeting came to the conclusion to ask the advice and assistance of the Quarterly Meeting in the matter.

Chas W. Earle Clerk

Committee on Said request

Whereupon we appoint our friends Thomas Harkness James Dennis and James H Chase, a committee, to advise with and assist said Mo Meeting on account of their request; and report their judgement, in writing to our next Meeting; leaving said Monthly Meeting to grant said request, if no legal objection should present.

Queries & Answers

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2d & 11th from each of the Monthly Meetings

Closing Minute

Having accomplished the business claiming our attention at this time we now conclude, proposing to meet at East Greenwich, at the appointed time in the 5th Mo next should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 1879

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5 Mo 1st 1879. By the accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends have been appointed by them to attend this Meeting as there representatives viz

From Rhode Island Thomas B. Buffum Jacob Mott and Geo. Bowen
" Greenwich Abel C Kenyon and Asa Sisson
" Swansea Nathan Chace Henry Nuttall Darius Buffinton & Saml R Buffinton
" Providence Thomas Harkness James Dennis and Daniel Meader
" South Kingstown Edward W Collins George S Gould and William H Perry

whose names being called are all present except two

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from each of the Monthly Meetings from which Summary answers have been approved by this Meeting which is directed to be forwarded for the information of the Yearly Meeting next to be held at Portland Maine, by our friends Jacob Mott Thomas B. Buffum. Obadiah Chace. James Dennis Albert K Smiley Benjamin F Knowles Allan Jay. Saml R Buffinton and Joseph E Macomber whom we appoint as our representatives

Providence and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings inform that they have directed the payment of their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock called for in 11 mo last. And our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our quota of that Meetings Stock.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in there account informs that they are united in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance in the Ministry of William H Perry with which this Meeting unites having the Concurrence of the Womens Meeting therein, and the Clerk is directed to forward the necessary information in the case as required by discipline-

That Meeting also inform that they are united in asking the Quarterly Meeting to acknowledge the gift in the Ministry of Hannah D Collins.

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to advise and assist Greenwich Mo Meeting, made the following report. Viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The Committee appointed in the Second Month, to advise and assist Greenwich Monthly Meeting in relation to an Application to lease a portion of the Meeting House lot at East Greenwich, to build a dwelling house thereon - and report their judgement in writing leaving said Monthly Meeting at liberty to grant the request if no legal objection presents, Report. That notwithstanding no legal objection presents, it would not in our judgment be advisable to lease said land to build thereon

Thomas Harkness
James Dennis
James H Chace

4 Mo 23d 1879

Which report is accepted by this Meeting, and the committee discharged from further service

Providence Monthly Meeting inform in their account that they are united in asking this Meeting for a new apportionment of Quarterly Meeting Stock, Whereupon we appoint our Friends George Bowen, William Sherman, Asa Sisson, Charles W Earle Darius Buffinton, Henry Nuttall, Thomas Harkness, James Dennis, Abel F Collins and Peter T C Collins, a committee to consider the proposition and report their

their judgement in writing at our next Meeting

The following Statistical information has been furnished this Meeting from the several Monthly Meetings, and Abstract of which the Clerk is directed to forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting viz

	Births	Deaths	Removals Into	Removals Out of	Admitted by Request	Released or Disowned	Number previously Omitted	Total Number of Members 3mo 1st 1879
Rhode Island	3	3	2	1	23	0	0	132
Greenwich	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	61
Swansea	1	2	0	2	15	0	1	203
Providence	0	6	13	0	2	1	0	246
So. Kingstown	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	82
Total	5	12	15	3	44	1	1	724

Showing an increase of 49 members over last year

Providence Monthly Meeting reports the death of Eunice Metcalf a member and Elder 3mo 30th 1879, aged 83 years 5 Mos and 10 days

The Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders inform this Meeting that they are United in changing the hour of holding that Meeting at East Greenwich, in the 15th Month from 2. to 3. Oclock in the afternoon with which this Meeting Unites, and the same is directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting for their Action in the case

Having again been permitted through the Condescending love and Mercy of our Heavenly Father, to Meet and transact the business of the Church, which has Claimed our attention at this time, as we trust in Condescending love we now Conclude purposing to Meet at Newport at the usual time in the 8 Mo next, should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 1879

Summary of Answers

Ans 1st

All our Meetings for religious Worship and discipline have been regularly held except Six 6, but not so fully attended as we could desire. The hour is nearly observed, a few instances of unbecoming behavior noticed

Ans 2nd

Love and Unity are maintained with little exception, detraction nearly guarded against, When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 3rd

Most friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation endeavoring by Example and precept to encourage the Same in their Children. We fear there is a remissness in a few in regard to these important duties

Ans 4th We believe friends frequently read the the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families encouraging their Children and others in this religious duty, and maintain our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry with some exception

Ans 5th So far as we know Friends Abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character are mostly avoided and we believe a good degree of Moderation in all things is generally observed

Ans 6th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved, Care is taken to educate their Children

Ans 7th We Know of no violation of our testimony in regard to the several particulars of this query, with little exception in one Meeting

Ans 8th With some exceptions. Friends frequently inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th A few omissions of recording under notice, a few removals without certificates some care taken

Ans 10th Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially; and to place judgment, when it appears necessary in the authority of truth and according to discipline

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to be held at Portland Maine

Dear Friends

[illegible] The Queries [illegible] have been read and answered [illegible] from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which the subjoined Summary has been approved, and adopted by this meeting which we forward with other extracts, [illegible] by our friends Jacob Mott, Thomas [illegible] Buffum, Obadiah Grace, James [illegible] Albert K. Smith, Benjamin [illegible] Allen Day Daniel [illegible] Buffum and Benj E. Holcomber whom we appoint as our representatives to said Meeting.

[illegible] apportioned among the several Monthly Meetings 270 copies of the printed Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, and [illegible] to the London General Epistle for 187[illegible]. Read the [illegible] [illegible] Hope

Eunice Metcalf

a member and Elder of Providence Mo Meeting died 3rd mo 7th 1879 aged 83 years, 5 months and 10 days-

Ruth Williams

a member and Elder of Rhode Island Mo Meeting died 3 mo 28th 1879. Aged 75 years 7 months and 21 days

By the returns from our several Monthly Meetings the following Statistical information has been received, which we forward together with the total number of members belonging to this meeting 3rd Mo 1st 1879 [illegible]

Number of Births during the past year	5
" " Deaths " " " "	12
Members into our Meetings by Certificate	15
" [illegible] "	3
Number received into Membership by request	44
" [illegible] [illegible]	1
" Members not previously reported And added the past year	1
Total number of Members 3rd Mo 1st 1879	721

[illegible] an increase of Membership during the past year of 49 members

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting the Amount of that Meetings Stock.

[illegible] [illegible] with Kingstown Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of William Perry

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders propose that the [illegible] Quarterly Meeting in the 5th Month at East Greenwich [illegible] in the afternoon, with which this meeting unites.

Adjourned in usual course to the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting [illegible] [illegible] 5 Mo 14 1879

Wm. W. [illegible] Clerk

Quarterly Meeting

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 mo 7th 1879. By the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed by them to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz

Rhode Island George Anthony, Stephen A Watson and George Bowen
" Greenwich Chas D. Kenyon and Charles W. Earle
" Swansea Benjamin A Chace, Henry Nuttall Saml R Buffinton and Walter F Chace
" Providence Thomas Harkness, Daniel Meader and James Dennis
" South Kingstown William F Collins and Robert Browning

Whose names being called they are all present except One

The Queries have been read at this time with Answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from each of the Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives upon their names being called appointed to attend the late Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended except One-

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to consider the request of Providence Mo. Meeting for a new apportionment of Quarterly Meetings Stock made the following Report viz

Report of the Committee to adjust the Apportionment

Rhode Island	35 per ct
Greenwich	5 " "
Swansea	28 " "
Providence	28 " "
South Kingstown	4 " "
	100

Newport 8 mo 7th 1879
Geo. Bowen for the Committee

Which is satisfactory and accepted by this Meeting, and the Several Monthly Meetings, are requested hereafter to forward the percentage agreed upon at this time by this Meeting, as there quota of this Meetings Stock, instead of the previous apportionment of 1870 Fund, the Clerk is directed to notify them of the percentage assigned to each.

Our beloved friends Thomas Kimber and wife Mary S. Kimber attended this Meeting, and produced Satisfactory testimonials from New York Monthly Meeting Endorsed by Westbury Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Brooklyn New York 4 mo 23rd 1879, expressing unity with him as a Minister and with her as an Elder, and with their proposed religious engagements, Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend William Penn Angell attended this Meeting and produced a copy of a Minute from Moreau Mo. Mtg. Endorsed by Glens Falls Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo 17th 1879. each expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his prospect as named therein. His Company and religious services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Benjamin H. Jones, in attendance at this Meeting presented a copy of Minute from Salem Mo Meeting endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 10 mo 17th 1878. Each expressing unity with him as a Minister, and sympathy with him in his extensive religious concern as expressed therein. His Company and services have been truly acceptable to this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each of our dear friends now in attendance with us, with a copy of the Minute made on their account, and also to sign on our behalf Minutes of similar import made in the Womens Meeting.

The following Minute from the late Yearly Meeting relative to Stock has been received and read at this time viz

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland Maine in the Sixth Month 1879. It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the ensuing Year the Sum of Four Thousand dollars - Our Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay Geo. Howland Junr. Treasurer there respective proportions of the above Sum

The quota for Rhode Island Qr. Meeting 23 per ct. = $ 920

By direction of the Meeting
William O Newhall
Clerk -

We appoint our friends William Sherman and Stephen Chace a Committee to audit the Treasurers Account, and recommend an amount to be raised for the use of this Meeting the ensuing Year, and present the name of a friend for Treasurer and report in 11 Mo next

The following information has been received from our late Yearly Meeting and read at this time viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The proposition from your Meeting, that the hour of holding Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders be changed from 2 O clock to 3 O clk P.M. when held at East Greenwich in the Fifth Month is approved of by this meeting

and the change is accordingly made
and the clerk is directed to give
this information.

By direction of the
Yearly Meeting of Friends for New
England held at Portland Maine
in the Sixth month 1879
Wm O Newhall
Clerk

Which information the clerk is directed
to furnish to the Quarterly Meeting of
Ministers and Elders.

A proposition has
been received from the Womens Qr
Meeting to refer the subject from South
Kingstown Monthly Meeting, Relative to
the approving of the public appearance
in the Ministry of Harriette D Collins
to the Representative Meeting; With which
reference this meeting unites -

* See below "Having
been favored through continued mercy
again to meet, and transact the business
of the Church; claiming our attention at
this time, in love and brotherly condescen
sion, we now conclude purposing to meet
at the usual time in the 11 month next
at Fall River should the Lord permit
Danl R Buffinton
Clerk

* Omitted above There has been received from
the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting 254 copies
of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly
Meeting, also a sufficient number of copies
of the P Boarding School report for the use
of the several Mo. Meetings, both of which
have been apportioned, and forwarded to
each respectively.

The report of the Committee
having charge of the Boarding School at
Providence, was presented at this time, the
reading of which by the direction of the
meeting is dispensed with.

Eleventh Month 1879.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 6th 1879

By the Accounts received from the Several Monthly Meeting we are informed that the following named Friends was appointed as Representatives to this Meeting viz from Rhode Island Charles E Boyd, Stephen A Watson & Thomas B. Buffum Greenwich Charles W. Earle and Abel C. Kenyon Swansea Daniel Chace Nathan Chace Obadiah Chace and Henry C. Aydelott Providence Thomas Harkness Robert F. Gifford and James Dennis Jr South Kingstown Peter H Collins and George E Gould Whose names being called are all present

The Queries have been read with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of the Monthly Meetings Constituting this Meeting

There has been received by the Clerks of this Meeting, through the usual Channel its quota of the London General Printed Epistle for 1879, which has been apportioned and forwarded to the Several Mo. Mtgs. the reading of which it is concluded to defer untill a future Meeting

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to Audit the Treasurers account and for other purposes presented the following report viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. The Committee to examine and settle the Treas. account &c Report attention to their appointment and find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer Seventy five dollars & Eighty cents, and propose that Nine hundred and fifty dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting, and James Dennis for Treasurer

Wm Sherman }
Stephen Chase } Committee

Providence 9 mo 5th 1879.

Which report is satisfactory and the recommendations thereof approved and adopted by this Meeting, and the Mo. Meetings are requested to forward their respective quotas of the amount named to James Dennis our Treasurer.

Our beloved friend William J. Thornbery attended this Meeting and presented testimonials from Walnut Ridge Mo. Meeting Endorsed by Walnut Ridge Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 8 mo 10th 1878, liberating him as a Minister of the Gospel, and each expressing unity and sympathy with him in his concern

Our beloved friend William H. Charles attended this Meeting and produced testimonials from his own Mo. Meeting held at Adrian. Endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 7 mo 26th 1879, each expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his proposed religious engagements. The company and services of both our friends have been acceptable to this Meeting

Our beloved friend Calvin J. Goddard attended this Meeting and produced satisfactory testimonials from Falmouth Mo. Meeting held at Portland 6 mo 26th 1879, expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his concern as expressed therein. The company and service of our dear friend has been acceptable to us, and the furnishing of a returning Minute on his behalf, and at his request also, (he anticipating further service within our limits) is deferred untill a future Meeting.

We also have the acceptable company of our friend Lucy B. Goddard as Companion to her husband Calvin J. Goddard with copy of Minute from Falmouth Mo. Mtg of Friends held at Portland 6 mo 26th 1879 - Her company has been acceptable to us -

We also have the company of our Sister Phebe M. Wadsworth, who presented satisfactory testimonials from Litchfield Mo Meeting of Friends held at Manchester 10 mo 31st 1879, expressing unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and sympathy with her in her proposed concern. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to this Meeting

The Clerk is directed to furnish our Friends William J Thornberry and William H. Charles with copies of Minutes made on their account in this Meeting, and also to sign on our behalf Minutes made in the Womens Meeting of similar import for our Women friends

The following Minute has been received from the Representative Meeting informing this Meeting of its action in the case referred to that Meeting by this Quarterly Meeting in 8 mo last. viz

At a Representative Meeting held in Lynn 8th Mo 20 1879.

A communication, received at this time, from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, addressed to this Meeting, informed us that the question of uniting with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, in the approval of the public ministry of Roanetta D Collins, had been considered in that Meeting, and that, without coming to any conclusion thereon, they were united in referring the subject to the Representative Meeting for its judgment -

The following Minute was made thereupon

After mature deliberation it was concluded to refer the case thus presented, to a committee, and our Friends. David K Akin Wm C. Taber Joseph Holmes Jun. Anna G. Wood. Abby S Battey Reuben T. Jones Rebecca C. Grinnell. Mary Alice Brown and Hannah J Bailey were appointed to take the subject into careful consideration and if way should open for it, to visit that Quarterly Meeting, and render to Friends such advice and assistance as the case may seem to require. The clerk is to inform Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of the action of this Meeting.

Taken from the Record

Henry T Wood, Clerk

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

And we have at this time the acceptable company of all the Friends named therein as that Committee with the exception of one of its number, and it is proposed in order that the committee may better understand the action of this Meeting in the Matter, and thereby enable them to render the advice and assistance asked for by this Meeting, it is concluded to take the Matter up in joint session of Men and Women Friends, with which proposition the Womens Meeting unites.

The following information has been received from Greenwich Mo Meeting in their account, that they are united in the request of Coventry Preparative Meeting, that the holding of the Mid-week for worship at Coventry be discontinued for Six Months from 11 Mo 3rd 1879.

South Kingstown Mo. Meeting in their accounts to this Mtg inform that James Henderson and Eliza Henderson has appealed from the judgment of that Meeting, and that they have appointed a committee on the part of the Mo Mtg to present the case to this Meeting. Whereupon we appoint our friends hereafter named to consider the case of said Mo. Mtg. and James Henderson (who has also notified this Meeting in writing of appealing to this Meeting from the judgment of South Kingstown Mo Meeting in disowning him from membership therewith) viz

Benjamin F Knowles Henry C Hydelott Joseph E Macomber Abner Potter Thom. Stephen Chase, Joseph S Anthony and Obadiah Chace, before whom both the aggrieved and the Mo Mtg men present their case, and the appellant being now called in, and the names of the Committee being read in his hearing, availed himself of the provision of the discipline, and made objection to three of the friends above named, as members of the committee, which with one objected too by the Mo. Mtgs Committee, (being displaced thereby from ctury on said committee,) the Meeting proceeded to the appointment in their places of the following named friends viz Stephen Weaver, Charles W Earle Robert P Gifford and Jacob Mott, who are to constitute the Committee of this Meeting, to judge of the case and report to this Meeting.

The Meeting in conformity with minute, to that effect, (in the early part of the Meeting) now met in joint session of Men and Women friends, and after the reading of the Minutes of both the Mens and Womens Meeting touching the action of this Meeting in the case referred from this Quarterly Meeting to the Representative Meeting, the Committee thereof retired and after a season of conference together present-ed the following advice viz "The Committee appointed by the Representative Meeting on the application of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for its advice and assistance, have heard all the testimony in the case presented to them, and while they feel to regret that several friends may feel agreaved by their decision, yet they are fully decided that it would be right for Rhode Island Quarterly

Meeting to confirm the decision of South Kingstown Mo. Meeting in the case of Harriette D Collins. Signed

Wm. C. Taber
Reuben T Jones
Anna G. Wood
Abby S Patty
Rebecca C Grinnell
Hannah J Bailey

Which Advice after being seriously considered, with much expression upon the subject, (And Although not so fully united with as might be desirable) still we are convinced that the expression of the Meeting will warrant the acceptance of the advice of the committee, and the same is therefore accepted by this Meeting, and the decision of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the case is also confirmed by this Meeting, And the Clerks are directed to take the necessary steps in the case to that end in conformity with the discipline

The Committee appointed by this Meeting, in the case of an appeal from the judgment of South Kingstown Mo Meeting, having met the Appellant and the Committee of the Mo Meeting, And not being able to come to a judgment in the case at this time, request additional time, Which request is granted them, and the case continued under the care of same committee, and they are requested to report their judgment in writing at our next Meeting. ~~The business of the Meeting claiming our Attention at this time being accomplished. We Conclude purposing to meet at Providence at the usual time in 9mo next should the Lord permit~~

Our Clerk informs the Meeting that he has sent to the Several Mo Meetings their per centage of this Meetings Stock under the new apportionment assigned to each, and approved by this Meeting in 8mo last.

And also that the Meeting of Ministers and Elders has been notified of the approval of the Yearly Meeting of the proposition from that Meeting, relative to the change in the hour of holding said Meeting at East Greenwich in the 5th Month Said hour having been changed from two (2) to three (3) OClock P.M.

The business of the Meeting claiming our attention at this time being accomplished, we conclude proposing to meet at Providence at the usual time in 2 Mo next should the Lord so permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Second Month 1880

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2 Mo 5th/1880 -

By the accounts received from the Several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz from

Rhode Island Jacob Mott Thos B Buffum & Stephen Chace
Greenwich Charles D Kenyon and Abel C Kenyon
Swansea Davis Buffinton, Obadiah Chace Richard R Macomber & Nathan Chace
Providence Daniel Meader Thomas Hastings & Samuel L Austin
South Kingstown James R Collins and John Babcock, whose names being called are all present -

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each Monthly Meeting constituting this Meeting.

Thomas B Buffum on behalf of the Representatives informed the Meeting that they had conferred together upon the subject of Clerks, and that they were united in proposing the name of Samuel R Buffinton for Clerk and Charles W. Earle for Assistant Clerk, which names being separately considered; are united with by the Meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to those Stations respectively for the ensuing year

Our beloved Friends Rufus P. King and Josiah Dillon attended this Meeting and produced testimonials from their respective Monthly and Quarterly Meetings Expressing unity with them as Ministers, and with their proposed religious concerns as expressed therein

Their company and religious services have been acceptable to this Meeting

We have also at this time the company of our dear Friends S. Elizabeth Mallison and Mary H. Morrell, who presented Minutes from their respective Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, expressing unity with them as Ministers of the Gospel, and with their proposed religious concern as expressed by them. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish our Friends Rufus P King and Josiah Dillon with copy of minutes made on their account in this Meeting, and also to sign them and minutes made in the Womens Meeting of similar import, on our behalf, for our Friends S Elizabeth Mallison and Mary H Morrell

Swansea Monthly Meeting in their accounts inform that they have directed the payment of this Meetings Stock called for in 11 Mo last

The committee appointed by this Meeting to consider the Appeal of James Henderson from the judgment of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in disowning him from membership therewith, presented the following Report viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

We the committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting, on the appeal of James Henderson, from the decision of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, in disowning him as a member of our religious society report as follows — That we have held two sessions, and had both written and verbal testimony from the parties concerned, and that it is the judgment of the undersigned that South Kingstown Monthly Meeting be sustained in its action in his case

Signed Benjn. F. Knowles
Henry C Hydelott
Stephen Weaver
Chas W Earle
Robt P Gifford
Members of the committee

Also Which is accepted by this Meeting —

Received the following information from the Womens Meeting viz

According to the requirements of Discipline Eliza Henderson is restored to her rights of Membership,

And the Clerk is directed to furnish South Kingstown Monthly Meeting with the judgment come to in this Meeting in both the cases of Appeal from that Meeting.

The Clerk informs that the necessary information has been forwarded, in conformity with Discipline to the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and to the person also whose name was reported to said Meeting as a recorded Minister in our Society viz Hannetta D Collins

Having again been permitted to meet and transact the important business of the Church, claiming our attention at this time in brotherly love, We now conclude adjourning to meet at East Greenwich at the usual time in the fifth Month should the Lord so permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

1880
5 Mo 6th

Fifth Month 1880

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 6th 1880. By the accounts from the several Mo Meetings, We are informed that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this Meeting as there Representatives viz

From Rhode Island Robert A Sherman, Stephen A Watson and Thos B Buffum
" Greenwich Chas D Kenyon and Asa Sisson
" Swansea Obadiah Chace, Nathan Chace and Stephen Weaver
" Providence Thomas Harkness, Allen Jay And Daniel Meader
" So Kingstown Edward W Collins, John Babcock And William T Collins

Whose names being called are all present Except One for whom an Excuse was rendered

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from each Monthly Meeting from which Summary answers, have been approved and adopted by this Meeting which are directed to be forwarded, with other extracts from our records, for the information of the Yearly Meeting next to be held at Newport R I, by our friends Thomas Harkness Stephen Chace, Allen Jay, Thomas B Buffum Obadiah Chace, Jacob Mott, William T. Collins James Dennis, Abner Potter Junr, Chas W. Earle Abel F Collins and Benjamin F Knowles

Whom we appoint as Representatives thereto

All the Monthly Meetings inform in their accounts that their quota of this Meetings Stock called for in 11th mo last, has either been, or directed to be paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

And the Treasurer of this Meeting is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our propor-tion of that Meetings Stock.

The following Statistical information has been furnished in the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, An Abstract of which the Clerk is directed to forward to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting viz

	Births	Deaths	Removals Into	Removals Out of	Admitted by Request	Released or Disowned	Number previously Omitted	Total No of Members 3 mo 1st 1880
Rhode Island	3	3	0	0	9	0	0	134
Greenwich	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	61
Swansea	3	10	2	2	3	0	0	199
Providence	2	6	4	5	1	1	1	242
So Kingstown	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	88
Totals	8	20	6	7	21	2	1	724

Deduct for Error last year from 1 Mo Mtg in Whole No. 7
Total Number of Members 3 mo 1st 1880 717

Showing a decrease in membership as reported of Seven (7)

Swansea Monthly Meeting in their account inform that Amey S Anthony a member and Minister died 1st Mo 21st 1880 aged 68 yrs. 3 Mos and 5 days

Abner Slade a member and Elder of the same Meeting died 12 Mo 2d 1879. aged 87 yrs and 2 Mos

Rhode Island Mo Mtg also informs that Geo. Bowen a Member and Elder of that Meeting died 12 Mo 13th 1879 aged 78 yrs 8 mos & 4 dys

The following Communication has been received and read at this time from James Henderson dated Hopkinton 5 mo 6th 1880, notifying this Meeting of his intention to prosecute an appeal from the judgment of this Meeting whereby it confirmed the action of South

Kingstown Monthly Meeting, in disowning
him of his right of membership therewith
to the next Yearly Meeting viz

Hopkinton 5/6 1880

I hereby notify Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting of Friends, next to be held at
East Greenwich, that I intend to appeal
from their decision in my case, to the
Yearly Meeting next to be held at Newport
for redress"

James Henderson

Whereupon we appoint our friends
Benjamin F Knowles, Jacob Mott, Stephen
Weaver, Wm T Collins and Saml R Buffinton
a committee on the part of this Meeting
to attend to the presenting of the case, as
may be necessary, before the committee appoint
ed by the Yearly Meeting on this case.

The business claiming our attention at this
time having been accomplished in harmony
and love; we now conclude, purposing to
meet at Newport at the usual hour in the
8 mo next. should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 6th 1880

Summary of the Answers

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship
and discipline have been regularly held
except a few for which a reason was
assigned. Those on First-days attended by
Friends generally; in the middle of the week
more neglected. The hour nearly observed,
clear of unbecoming behaviour, except a few
instances of sleeping

Ans 2d

Love and unity are maintained with
little exceptions and we trust detraction is
guarded against by most friends. When differences

occur Endeavors are used to End them

Ans 3d

Friends generally careful to maintain a religious life and Conversation, and those who have Children or others under their care, endeavor by example and precept, to train them up, in accordance with our Christian profession

Ans 4th

We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families; encouraging their Children and others in this religious duty, and with little exception in two Meetings, maintain our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry

Ans 5th The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage avoided. Friends are careful to avoid Amusements, and diversions inconsistent with a Christian Character (with few exceptions) and to observe true Moderation in all things

Ans 6th

The circumstances of the poor receive our attention, and their necessities are relieved Care is taken to Educate their Children

Ans 7

We know of no violation of these testimonies in regard to the several parts of this query

Ans 8th

We believe most Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises; and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th

Careful as to Records, some removals without Certificates, which are under Notice

Ans 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially, and judgment when necessary is placed in the authority of Truth and according to discipline

over

To The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, next to be held at Newport Rhode Island

Dear Friends

The Queries have been read with Answers thereto, from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which the accompanying Summary Answers have been approved, and adopted by this Meeting which we forward with other Extracts from our Minutes for your information, by our Friends Thomas Harkness Stephen Chace Allen Jay, Thomas B Buffum Obadiah Chace, Jacob Mott, William F Collins James Dennis, Abner Potter Junr, Charles W Chace Abel F Collins and Benjamin S Knowles whom we appoint as representatives thereto

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay you our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock

George Bowen an Elder and member of Rhode Island Mo. Mtg died 12mo 13th 1879 aged 78 yrs 8 mos and 4 days

Amey S Anthony a minister and member of Swansea Mo. Mtg died 1mo 21st 1880. aged 68 yrs. 3 mos and 5 days

Abner Slade an Elder and member of the same Meeting died 12mo 2d 1879. aged 87 yrs and 2 months

This meeting has united with, and confirmed the action of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public Ministry of Harriette D Collins

The following Annual Statistical information, together with the whole numbers constituting this Meeting 3mo 1st 1880 has been received from the several Monthly Meetings viz

Number of Births within our limits the past year	8
" " Deaths " — — —	20
Removals into " " by certificate	6
Do Out of " " " "	7
Number received into membership by request	21
" released or disowned	3
" not previously reported	1

Totals	724
Deduct for Error in last years report of Whole number	7
Making the total number of Members 3mo 1st 1880	717

There has been received from the Clerks of the Yearly Meeting 234 Copies of the printed Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, together with our usual quota of the London General printed Epistle for 1879, which were apportioned and sent down to the several Mo Mtgs. Also the usual number of copies of the Boarding School report.

James Henderson of Hopkinton a member formerly of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, Notified this Meeting at this time in Writing, of his intention to prosecute an appeal at the next Yearly Meeting, from the judgment of this Meeting, in which it confirmed the action of said South Kingstown Mo Mtg in disowning him from his right of membership therewith. (A Copy of which Notice herewith accompanies these Accounts) Whereupon this Meeting appointed the following named friends viz Benjamin F Knowles, Jacob Mott Stephen Weaver William T Collins and Saml R Buffinton a committee on the part of this Meeting, to attend to the presenting of the case, before the Committee of the Yearly Meeting that may be appointed upon said Appeal.

Taken from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5 Mo 6th 1880.

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

1880
8mo 5th

Eighth Month 1880

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 Mo 5th 1880. The accounts from the several Monthly Meetings being received, we are informed thereby that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting Representatives viz

From Rhode Island Josiah Chace. William Sherman and William Hathaway
" Greenwich Charles W. Earle and Abel B Kenyon
" Swansea Charles A Chace. Herbert A Skinner. Danl Chace & Nathan Chace
" Providence Thomas Harkness Daniel Meader & James Dennis
" South Kingstown Robert Browning and George S Gould

whose names being called all responded as present except two, for the absence of one a reason was assigned

The Queries have all been read at this time, with answers to the usual number from each Monthly Meeting

The following minute from the late Yearly Meeting, relative to that Meetings Stock has been received and read at this time viz

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport 6mo 1880

The Meeting concludes to raise the sum of Four Thousand ($4000) for the use of the Mtg the ensuing year

Our several Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay to George Howland Junr, our Treasurer their respective proportion of said sum

The quota for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting 23 % $920.

On behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

Whereupon We appoint our Friends Thomas Harkness and Stephen Chace, a Committee to audit the Treasurers accounts and Recommend an Amount to be raised for the use of this Meeting the ensuing Year, and present the name of a Friend for Treasurer, and report to this Meeting in 11 Mo next

The report of the Committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence, was presented at this time, but the was dispensed with by direction of the Meeting

This Meeting has United with Swansea Monthly Meeting, having the Concurrence of the Womens Meeting therein, in the appointment of Darius Buffinton and Charles A Chace to the Station of Elder, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information in the case as required by Discipline

Benjamin F Knowles on behalf of the Committee appointed by this Meeting, to attend to the case of Appeal from this judgement of this Meeting by James Henderson before the Yearly Meeting inform that they attended to their appointment, but as the action of the Yearly Meeting has not been furnished this Meeting, the further consideration of the Subject is referred to our next Meeting

There has been received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting 335 Copies of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting, Also a sufficient Number of copies of the 17 Boarding School Committees report for the use of this, and of the several Mo. Mtgs, both of which were immediately upon there reception forwarded to each respectively

It having again been our blessed privilege to meet and transact the important business of the Church which has claimed our attention at this time, as those who love the Lord and His appearing. We now conclude, purposing to meet at Fall River on the 11 mo 8 next, should the Lord permit

Samuel R Buffum Clerk

1880

Eleventh Month 1880

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 Mo 4th 1880 The accounts being received from each of the Monthly Meeting, We are informed thereby that the following named friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as Representatives by

From Rhode Island Stephen Chace, Jacob Mott and Thomas B Buffum

" Greenwich Charles D Kenyon and Asa Sisson

" Swansea Benjm S Earle, Nathan Chace Benjm A Chace and Richd S Peckham

" Providence Thomas Harkness, James Dennis and Daniel Meader

" South Kingstown William H Perry and Abel F Collins

Whose names being called are all present

The Queries have all been read at this time, with the answers to the usual number from each Mo Mtg.

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to audit the Treasurers account, and for other purposes presented the following report viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends -

The committee appointed to Examine and settle the Treasurers account, and propose a sum to be raised, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer, Report attention to the service and find a balance in the hands of Treasurer of Eighty Seven & 9/100 dollars - They propose Nine hundred dollars to be raised for the use of the Meeting, and James Dennis for Treasurer

Providence 10 mo 15 1880

Thomas Harkness }
Stephen Chase } Committee

Which being read is Satisfactory, and the recommendations therein approved, and adopted, by this Meeting, And the Several Monthly Meetings, are requested to forward their respective quota of the Amount named to James Dennis whom we appoint as our Treasurer

Received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting. Since our last Meeting the following information viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

This Meeting has confirmed the judgment of your Meeting in the case of James Hendersons Appeal,

By direction of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport R I in the Sixth Month 1880
Wm O Newhall Clerk

There had been received from the Representative Meeting, this Meetings quota of 482 Copies of the London General Printed Epistle for 1880, which having been apportioned among the several Monthly Meetings have been placed in the hands of the Representatives of the same now in attendance upon this Meeting for distribution among their Members

Greenwich Monthly Meeting in their account to this Meeting inform that they are United in discontinuing the Mid week Meeting at Coventry for Six Months from this date,

A copy of the London General Epistle for 1880, was read at this time much to our comfort and edification, and by the valuable counsel contained therein, we are again encouraged to press forward in the work which our hands may find to do for the blessed Redeemer

It having been our privilege to again meet and transact the business of the Church, claiming our attention at this time in that harmony and Christian fellowship as becometh those who profess the name of Christians, We now conclude purposing to meet in 2d mo next at Providence should the Lord in His continued Mercy so permit.

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Second Month 1881

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2d mo 3d 1881.

We are informed by the accounts from each of the Monthly Meetings that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz

From Rhode Island Stephen Chase, Thomas B. Buffum & Joseph C. Anthony
" Greenwich Charles D Kenyon and Abel C Kenyon.
" Swansea Benjamin A Chace, Darius Buffinton Thomas K Buffinton & Nathan Chace
" Providence Robert Clifford James Dennis and Thomas Wm Carhart
" South Kingstown John Babcock 2d & Edward W Collins, whose names being called are all present except one

James Dennis on behalf of the Representatives informed the Meeting that a part of their number had conferred together upon the subject of Clerks to serve this Meeting and were united in proposing the name of Saml R Buffinton for Clerk and Charles W. Earle for Assistant Clerk, which names being separately considered, are both united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those Stations respectively for the ensuing year

The Queries have all been read, with answers to the usual number, from each of the Monthly Meetings constituting this Meeting

Rhode Island in their accounts inform that they have paid their proportion of this Meeting's Stock called for in 11 Mo last, and Greenwich, Swansea, and South Kingstown, by theirs, that they have directed the payment of theirs also.

Through the continued Mercies of the Lord vouchsafed unto us, his dependent Children, we have again been permitted to meet and transact the business of the Church, claiming our attention at this time, which being concluded, we purpose to meet again at East Greenwich at the usual time in the 5th Mo next should the Lord thus permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk.

Fifth Month 1881.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 5th 1881. The accounts being received from each of the Monthly Meetings constituting this Meeting, we are informed that the following named Friends have been by them appointed to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz from

Rhode Island Joseph E Macomber, Stephen Chace and Josiah Chace
Greenwich Asa Sisson and Chas D Kenyon
Swansea Henry E. Davis. Saml R Buffinton Stephen Weaver and Richd R Macomber,
Providence Daniel Meader, Allen Jay and Thomas Harkness
South Kingstown John Babcock and William H. Perry. whose names being called are all present except One

The Queries have all been read at this time, with answers thereto from each of the Monthly Meetings, from which Summary Answers have been approved and adopted by this Meeting, which the Clerk is directed to forward, with other Extracts from our Minutes, for the information of the Yearly Meeting next to be held at Portland Maine by our friends Benjamin F Knowles, Obadiah Chace, Saml R Buffinton, Allen Jay, Thomas B Buffum, Daniel Meader, Charles D Kenyon, Charles A Chace, William T Collins and Joseph E Macomber, whom we appoint as our Representatives thereto,

All the Monthly Meetings, by there accounts, to this and previous Meetings inform that their quota of this Meetings Stock called for in 11 mo last, has either been, or directed to be paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting

And he is directed at this time to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of that Meetings Stock,

The following Statistical information, with the total number of Members belonging to each Monthly Meeting 3 mo 1st 1881, have been received in their respective accounts viz

	Births	Deaths	Removals in to	Removals out of	Admitted by Request	Released or disowned	Number previously Omitted	Erroneously reported heretofore	Total Number Members 3rd mo 1st 1881-
Rhode Island	0	0	1	0	2	4			133
Greenwich	0	1	1	0	1	0			62
Swansea	0	9	1	1	7	0	2-	3	196
Providence	1	10	3	13	4	3	3-		227
So Kingstown	0	2	0	3	0	1			82
Total	1	22	6	17	14	8	5-	3	700

Total membership 3 mo 1st 1880 717
" " 3 1 1881 700, showing a loss from different causes of 17 during the past year

an Abstract of which the Clerks is directed to forward to the approaching Yearly Meeting

Providence Monthly Meeting reports that Elizabeth Meader a Minister of the Gospel for upwards of 65 years, and member of that Meeting died 1st Mo 25th 1881. aged 87 Years 9 Months and 23 days

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs by their account to this Meeting that Arthur T Parker has been appointed Correspondent of that Meeting Address. East Greenwich Rhode Island.

Providence Mo Meeting by their account informs that the sum of \$216$^{50}/_{100}$ has been collected in that meeting in aid of the Mission Work upon Mt. Lebanon, in accordance with the recommendation and Minute of the Yearly Meeting last year, and the Clerk is authorized to receive similar information from the other Monthly Meetings, of the sum collected by them for this object, and forward the total amount collected within the limits of this Meeting to the next Yearly Meeting with other information

The usual number of the Printed Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, the London General printed Epistle for 1880, and the report of the Boarding School Committee have all been received and apportioned among the several Monthly Meetings.

The goodness of the Lord having again been mercifully vouchsafed unto us His dependent Children, both in our Meeting for Worship, and in that also for the business of the Church, claiming our attention at this time, which being again concluded, we separate, purposing to meet at the usual time at Newport in the 8 mo next, Should the Lord in His condescending mercy grant us again that privilege

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 5th 1881

Summary Answers

Ans. 1st All our Meetings for Religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, with the exception of a few small Meetings for worship. On First day Morning they are attended by Friends generally, on the afternoon of that day and the middle of the week they are much neglected. The hour nearly observed, No unbecoming behaviour noticed with little exception in one Monthly Meeting.

Ans. 2d

Love and Unity are maintained, with some exception and we believe most Friends guard against detraction; When differences occur endeavors are used to end them

Ans. 3d We believe Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and those who have Children, or others under their care endeavor by example and precept to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession

Ans. 4th

We believe Friends frequently read the ~~read~~ Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their Children, and others in this important duty, and that with little exception our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is maintained

Ans 5th

Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage with one exception in which care has been taken. Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian Character are mostly avoided, and be believe a good degree of Moderation in all things is generally observed

Ans 6th The circumstances of the poor inspected and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their Children -

Ans 7

Clear as regards the several parts of this query, with one exception in regard to oaths

Ans 8. With little exception friends are care ful to inspect their affairs and to settle their accounts, punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th

Recording is attended to. a few removals without certificates under notice

Ans 10th

Friends with little exception endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially, and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of Truth and according to discipline

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to be held at Portland Maine

Dear Friends

The Queries have been read with Answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, from which the accompanying Summary Answers have been approved of and adopted by this Meeting, which is directed to be forwarded, with other necessary extracts from our Minutes to the ensuing Yearly Meeting, for its information by our Friends Benjamin F Knowles, Obadiah Chace, Samuel R Buffinton, Allen Jay Thomas B Buffum, Daniel Meader Charles D Kenyon Charles A Chace, William Collins and Joseph E Macomber, who has been appointed Representative to attend the same

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of that Meetings stock

Elizabeth Meader a Minister for upwards of 65 years a member of Providence Monthly Meeting died First Month 23rd 1881 aged 87 years 19 months and 23 days -

This Meeting has united with Swansea Mo Meeting in the appointment of Davis Buffinton and Charles A Chase to the Station of Elder

Greenwich Monthly Meeting has appointed Arthur T Packer its Correspondent. Address East Greenwich R I

The following Annual Statistical information has been furnished by the several Mo Meetings together with the whole number of Members constituting this Meeting 3 mo 1st 1881 viz

Number of Births within our limits the past year		1
" " Deaths " " " " "		20
Removals into by Certificates		6
" Out of " "		17
Number admitted by request		14
" Released		8
" Previously Omitted	5	
" Erroneously reported heretofore	3	

Showing a loss of 17 during the past year of 17

Total Membership	3 mo 1st 1880	717
" "	3 " 1st 1881	700
Loss		17

There has been collected within the limits of this Meeting during the past year in the several Monthly Meetings, in accordance with the recommendation of the Yearly Meeting of last year the sum of $ in aid of the Mission Work upon Mount Lebanon - which Amount has been forwarded by them respectively to the Treasurer of that fund -

There has been received through the usual Channel 335 copies of the Printed Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, a sufficient number of the London General Printed Epistle for 1880 for distribution among our Members, together with a number of copies of the Boarding School Committee Report, all of which were proportioned and sent down to the several Mo Meetings

Taken from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5 Mo 5 1881—

Samuel R Buffinton Clerk

Eighth Month 1881

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 Mo 4 1881

The accounts were received from the several Monthly Meetings constituting the same, by which we are informed that the following named Friends were appointed to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz from

Rhode Island	Jacob Mott, Stephen Chace and William Sherman
Greenwich	Charles W. Earle and Abel C. Kenyon
Swansea	Hosea Buffinton, Stephen Weaver, Henry C Aydelott and Nathan Chace
Providence	Thomas Harkness Thomas J Battey and Daniel Meader
South Kingston	Francis W. Collins and Wm H Perry

whose names being called are all present except three for the absence of One a satisfactory reason was given—

The names of the Representatives to the late Yearly Meeting being read, we are informed that they all attended except One

The Queries have been read at this time with the Answers to the usual number from each Monthly Meeting

The following Minute of the late Yearly Meeting, addressed to this Meeting relative to Stock has been received and read viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Portland Me Sixth Month 1881

The Meeting concluded to raise the sum of Four Thousand (4000) Dollars for the use of the Meeting this year. Our several Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay to George Howland Jun^r. Treas their respective quotas of said Sum

Rhode Island 23 per ct. $920.00

By direction of the Meeting.
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

Whereupon we appoint our Friends Stephen Chace, Thomas Harkness and Thomas B Buffum a Committee to audit the Treasurers accounts, and name a sum necessary to be raised for the use of this Meeting the coming year, and present the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer and report to this Meeting in 11 Mo next.

Also received from the Clerk of the late Yearly Meeting the following Minute viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England It was concluded to request our Monthly Meetings to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the Foreign Mission Work the coming year By direction of the Meeting

Wm O. Newhall Clerk
Sixth Month 1881

Which being read in this Meeting and the request united with by it, our several Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to solicit funds to aid in carrying forward the concerns of that Meeting on Foreign Missions, and the several Mo. Meetings are requested to furnish this Meeting with the amount raised by them respectively and for which specific object in their accounts to this Meeting in 5th Mo of next year—

The Report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence was received and presented, the reading of which was directed to be dispensed with at this time.

There has been received by the Clerk of this Meeting 315 copies of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting together with a sufficient number of the Boarding School Committees Report for the use of this and the several Mo. Meetings both of which have been apportioned and forwarded to each respectively

Our beloved friend Abagail B Kelly attended this Meeting and presented Minutes from Salem Monthly and Quarterly Meetings Ohio, expressing unity with her as a Minister, and with her religious prospect as expressed therein. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerks is directed to unite with our Women Friends in signing a minute made by them on her behalf

The business of the Meetings which has claimed our attention at this time having been accomplished to friends satisfaction we conclude purposing to meet at Fall River in 11 Mo next should the Lord permit—

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

1881

Eleventh Month 1881

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 3rd 1881 — The accounts being received from each of the Monthly Meetings constituting it we are informed, that the following named friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as representatives by from

Rhode Island Mo Mtg Joseph E Macomber Charles H Boyd & Stephen Chace

Greenwich Abel C. Kenyon & Edward Buffinton

Swansea Henry Nuttall. Charles A Chace and Henry C Aydelott

Providence Thomas Harkness. Daniel Meader and Joseph H Holmes

South Kingstown Peter H Collins & William H. Perry

Whose named being called are present except three, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was given

The Queries have all been read at this time, with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to audit the Treasurers accounts, and for other purposes presented the following report viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The committee to Examine and settle the Treasurers Accounts, & propose the amount to be raised for the use of the Meeting and the name of a Friend for Treasurer Report they have attended to their appointment and find a balance on hand of Fifty-four & 36/100 dollars, and they propose to raise Nine hundred and James Dennis for Treasurer
10 mo 4th 1881. Thomas Harkness. Stephen Chace

REPORT

OF THE

PROVIDENCE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

SIXTH MONTH, 1881.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting their Annual Report, the School Committee repeat what they have said again and again, that, during the past year, the School has gone on very much to their satisfaction; the religious feeling to which we have referred with so much interest in several of our reports continues to increase, and is, we believe, under the Divine hand in its influence and results, not only a blessing to those immediately participating in the service, but is also a powerful means of good in all departments of the institution.

The average number of scholars for the year has been, for the Autumn Term, 89 boys and 83 girls; and for the Spring Term, 74 boys and 79 girls.

For the first few months after the opening of the School in Ninth Month, the health of the family was as good as usual; but the prevalence of measles during Second and Third Months interfered with the regular attendance of the scholars, and with their progress in study, while it drew heavily upon the sympathy and added greatly to the labors of the Principal. Since that time the standard of health has been uniformly good.

There have been four deaths at the Institution during the Spring Term, two of them being pupils, viz:—Winslow J. Evans, son of Thomas H. Evans, of Rochester, N.H., who died of measles Second Month 22d, in his 19th year; and Sarah Isabella Parker, daughter of Joseph R. Parker, of Belvidere, N.C., who died of inflammation of the bowels, Third Month 31st, aged 17 years. Harriet Chase, of Prudence Island, R.I., who came to nurse her son, Halsey Chase, during the illness of the latter with measles, in her untiring devotion and tender solicitude for his welfare, was seized with pneumonia, and died after a short illness. The fourth case was that of S. Elma Gifford, wife of one of the teachers—Seth K. Gifford—who died apparently of disease of the stomach, (about an hour subsequent to the decease of Isabella Parker,) aged 26 years. The funeral solemnities which followed were occasions of deep, and, we believe, of abiding interest, and the mingled feelings of regret for the loss of those to whom teachers and pupils had been much endeared, the tender sympathy for the bereaved, and the sweet consciousness that to the dear departed the summons had not found them unprepared, of which they were favored to give abundant testimony, have left impressions which will, we trust, be long remembered.

The Principal, in his communication to us narrating the foregoing facts, uses this language:—"It was something to be remembered by every officer and student during life, that at that sad hour" (the time of the funeral solemnities of S. Isabella Parker and S. Elma Gifford) "the lifeless forms of two of the most beautiful and gifted daughters of the Institution lay within her walls."

He closes his communication with the following expression:—"I deem it proper to say that notwithstanding this—I believe unprecedented number of deaths in one term—that nothing can be traced to any unhealthy source in the Institution."

We have also to report the decease of one of our own number during the year—Ann Maria Coffin, of Lynn. Her long familiarity with the School and its needs, her deep interest in its welfare, particularly its household comforts and improvements, made her a valuable helper to the Committee, and increases our estimate of the loss we sustained in her removal.

Since our last report, the Committee has authorized the erection of a three-story brick structure, in the angle, at the junction of the old building with Alumni Hall, to be appropriated to the greater accommodation and comfort of the occupants of the east wing, in which we have on the lower floor a very desirable room for the use of the library, and connected therewith; and on the second and third floors, bath-rooms and water-closets; and also, by some changes in the old part, seven very desirable lodging rooms have been arranged, and a room available for storage purposes. By this improvement we shall be enabled to remove the unsightly and objectionable old buildings in the rear of the east wing, and also to abate a great nuisance of long standing, and, as we regard it, to greatly improve the sanitary condition of the premises.

Increased facilities for the better protection of the school buildings from fire, by the erection of hydrants to be connected with the City Water Works, have been provided, in compliance with the suggestions of the insurance companies with whom the property is insured, and also by the recommendation of the Fire Department of the city.

At our meeting, Second Month 1st, we were informed, by a communication from the Principal, that Sarah Slade had given to the School One Thousand Dollars, to be expended for books, and Five Hundred Dollars for apparatus; and that Timothy K. Earle had given Five Hundred Dollars for the library. By direction, the Clerk has acknowledged the gratitude and thankfulness of the Committee to the donors of these timely gifts for their valuable contributions.

The following list contains the names of the Officers of Government and Instruction, for the year which will close on the 21st proximo:—

Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal.
John W. Freeze, A.M., Governor, and English Studies (Autumn Term).
Walter S. Meader, A.B., Governor, and English Studies (Spring Term).
Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Sciences.
John M. Potter, A.M., Higher Mathematics.

Seth K. Gifford, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Henry Wood, Ph. D., English Literature and German.
Walter S. Meader, A.B., Assistant Governor (Autumn Term).
John H. Gifford, A.B., Assistant Governor (Spring Term).
Harold C. Childs, A.B., Natural Sciences (Spring Term).
Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.
Mary E. Holder, Reading and Elocution.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal Culture.
Allen Jay, Secretary and Book-keeper.

The Treasurer of the School Fund reports that he has received as

Income from the General Fund	$6,263 24	
Income from Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting	309 36	
From returned insurance premiums	418 00	
		$6,990 60

PAYMENTS.

Paid insurance premiums	$553 73	
Paid Augustine Jones, Principal, as per receipts	6,436 87	
		$6,990 60

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year	$1,124 58	
Income	2,376 98	
		$3,501 56

PAYMENTS.

School bills paid	$2.500 00	
Balance on hand	1,001 56	
		$3,501 56

The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting reports that he has received, including

Balance on hand last year	$486 92	
From coupons on bonds	281 25	
From dividend savings bank	28 11	
From proceeds of sale of three U. S. bonds	3.341 25	
		$4,137 53

PAID.

Thos. Harkness, Treas. of School Fund	$309 36	
Augustine Jones by order of Committee	3,786 92	
Two small bills (printing and record book)	3 90	
Balance to new account	37 35	
		$4,137 53

The accounts of the Principal show the following items of receipt and expenditure:—

RECEIPTS.

Income from board and tuition	$33,976 45	
Rec'd from Thos. Harkness, Treas. of Gen'l Fund	6,436 87	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from funds belonging to school, on account of improvements and addition	3,786 92	
Received from profit for year 1880	517 17	
		$44,717 41

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers and officers	$12,310 00	
Provisions	10,773 43	
Wages paid labor and servant hire	5,721 23	
Cost of addition, including heating apparatus, bath rooms, water closets, seven additional lodging rooms and library room	5,501 05	
Repairs and replacements	2,973 71	
Fuel	1,566 93	
Light	807 88	
Water	325 10	
Library and periodicals	300 69	
Incidentals, including medicines and postage	225 00	
Cost of water pipe connection on Lloyd Street	5 70	
City tax on school property for 1880	2,759 40	
Balance remaining to meet expenses to close of the year	1,447 29	
		$44,717 41

The Committee do not propose any change in the rates to be charged for admission to the School the coming year. The rates last year were:—

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$125 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	225 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars, each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

In conclusion, we may remark with confidence, mingled with feelings of gratitude, that perhaps at no time in the history of this Institution could it be more safely commended to the patronage and interest of Friends, and we desire that its extended provisions for the physical comfort of the inmates, its educational advantages, its moral tone, and even its religious interests may be largely shared by the youth of our Society.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, Fifth Month 31st, 1881.

Note.—The Autumn term begins Ninth Month 7th, 1881, and closes Third Month 29th, 1882. The Spring term begins Fourth Month 5th, 1882, and closes Sixth Month 20th, 1882.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 2d of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

for the Committee.

Which being read is satisfactory, and the recommendations therein approved of, and adopted by this Meeting, and the several Mo Meetings are requested to forward their respective quotas of the sum named to James Dennis our Treasurer

Since our last Meeting the Clerk has received from the Committee of the Representatives Meeting, 477 Copies of the reprint of the London General Epistle for 1881 - Which have been apportioned, and sent down to the several Mo. Meetings for distribution among their Members

Greenwich Monthly Meeting by their Account inform that The Mid-week Meeting at Coventry by the request of that Preparative Meeting, is to be discontinued for six Months

Providence & Swansea Mo Meetings by their accounts to this Meeting inform that their quota of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting and of the London General printed Epistles for 1881 had been received by them

The report of the Committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence has been read at this time, and although our hearts have been saddened by the information imparted thereby, relative to the removal of some of its number by death during the past year, yet we acknowledge the general condition of the Institution as reported as satisfactory to this Meeting.

The London General Printed Epistle for 1881 has been read at this time to our satisfaction and Encouragement, and we trust that the salutary counsel imparted to us by its reading, will be cherished by all, who have been favored to listen to its contents

1881 11 mo— Having again been favored to meet in the capacity of worshippers, and for the transaction of the business of the Church which has claimed our attention at this time, in that love we humbly trust which becometh those who love the Lord Jesus Christ, we conclude purposing to meet at Providence in 2d mo next. should the Lord permit—

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

1882. 2d mo.

Second Month 1882.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2d mo 2d 1882 the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings being received, we are informed thereby that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting viz

From Rhode Island Thomas B. Buffum. Cyrus H. Gray and Stephen Chase
" Greenwich Solomon R Knowles and Asa Sisson
" Swansea Darius Buffinton Stephen Weaver, Jonathan F Sisson and Henry C Aydelott
" Providence Thomas Harkness. Daniel Meader and Samuel J Austin
" South Kingstown John Babcock and William H Perry—

whose names being called are all present

Thomas Harkness on behalf of the Representatives informed the Meeting that they had conferred together upon the subject of Clerks for this meeting, and were united in proposing the name of

1882
2nd Mo

Samuel R Buffinton for Clerk and Charles W. Earle for Assistant Clerk whose names being separately considered, are both united with by this Meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to those Stations for the year ensuing

The Queries have all been read at this time, and the usual three answered by each Monthly Meeting

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in their account inform that they have united with South Kingstown Preparative Meeting, in the discontinuance of that Meeting until 5th Mo. 1882. And that the members thereof have been joined to Hopkinton Preparative Meeting during that period

Our beloved friend John P Pennington attended this Meeting and produced Satisfactory testimonials from Spiceland Monthly Meeting endorsed by Spiceland Quarterly Meeting of Friends Indiana, expressing Unity with him as a Minister of the Gospel And with his Concern as set forth therein. His Company and Gospel labors, have been Satisfactory, Encouraging, and acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of the Minute made on his behalf.

Greenwich, Swansea. Providence and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings by there accounts inform that they have directed the payment of this Meetings Stock called for in 11 Mo. last.

Having again been permitted to assemble at this place, in the capacity of worshippers, and also for the transaction of the business of the Church, which hath claimed our attention at this time, we do most thankfully acknowledge that the presence of the Lord has indeed been with us, and that we have been blessed together as His dependent Children, as the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour has been freely proclaimed among us by His messengers, now in attendance with us

The business being concluded, we separate proposing to meet at East Greenwich at the usual time in 5th mo. next should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 1882

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 4th 1882. The accounts from all the Monthly meetings being received. we are by them informed that the following named friends were appointed to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz from

Rhode Island Josiah Chace Joseph S Anthony and Isaac B Macomber
Greenwich James H Earle and Asa Sisson
Swansea Hiram Buffinton Saml R Buffinton Richd R Macomber Nathan Chace and Herbert A Skinner
Providence James Dennis Daniel Meader and Robert P Gifford
South Kingstown Peter H Collins and Robert Browning

Who are present except two

The Queries having been read at this time with Answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings from which a summary has been prepared and adopted by this Meeting, which is directed to be forwarded, with other extracts from our Minutes, for its information to the next Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held at Newport by our friends Thomas Harkness. Saml R Buffinton. Hiram Buffinton Asa Sisson, Obadeah Chace. Thomas B Buffum William H Perry, Stephen Chace. Benjamin F Knowles. Charles D Kenyon Richard S Peckham. Nathan Chase and Robert P Gifford whom we appoint as representatives thereto

All of the Monthly Meetings have directed the payment of there quotas of this Meetings Stock, called for in 11th mo last, to the Treasurer of this Meeting; And our Treasurer is directed at this time to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of that Meetings Stock.

The following Statistical information has been received from the Several Monthly Meetings together with the whole number of members constituting the same 3d mo 1st 1882 Viz

	Births	Deaths	Removals Into	Removals Out of	Admitted by Request	Released or Disowned	Numbers previously Omitted	Total No of members 3 Mo 1st 1882
Rhode Island	3	4	0	0	0	1	4	135
Greenwich	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	63
Swansea	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	197
Providence	0	3	7	6	0	3	2	224
South Kingstown	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	82
Totals	4	11	9	9	6	5	7	701

Total Membership 3 mo 1st 1882. 701
" " 3 mo 1st 1881 700
Showing an increase of One (1) in our Membership during the past year, an Abstract of which is directed to forward to the next Yearly Meeting

Swansea Monthly Meeting reports, that Phebe S Anthony an Elder and member of that Meeting died 4 mo 24th 1882 Aged 75 Years 10 months and 23 days.

Providence Monthly Meeting by there account informs that they have changed the time of holding their Meeting for worship on First-day Morning from 10½ O.clock to 11. O.Clock A.M.

The several Monthly Meetings, inform that the respective sums named in their accounts, has been raised by them in aid of the Burnand mission in accordance with minute of the last Yearly Meeting viz

Rhode Island	Fifty Nine dollars	59.00
Greenwich		——
Swansea	Sixty four 60/100 "	64.60
Providence	Two hundred "	200.00
So Kingstown		——
	Total Amt raised	$ 323.60

Which information is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. The usual number of the Printed Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, the London General Printed Epistle for 1881, and the Boarding School Committees report have all been received during the past year and apportioned among the several Monthly Meetings.

Having again been permitted through continued mercy to meet and transact the business of the Church claiming our attention at this time, which being concluded, we seperate purposing to meet at the usual time at Newport in the Eighth Month next should the Lord permit

Samuel R Buffinton Clerk.

Fifth Month 4th 1882

Summary Answers

Ans 1st

All our Meetings for Religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except Seven (7) which were omitted on account of a severe Snow Storm and the small number of members constituting several of them. Most Friends have attended them duly on First days but Mid-week Meetings are much neglected by many. The hour has been nearly observed and unbecoming behaviour avoided with little exception. of appearance of sleep in one Meeting

Ans. 2d

Love and Unity maintained with some Exception, Detraction mostly guarded against When differences appear Endeavors are used to End them.

Ans 3d

While Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and Conversation Endeavoring by precept and Example to Encourage the Same in their Children; We fear there is a remissness with some in these important duties

Ans. 4th

We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as Collectively in their families, Encouraging their Children and others in this important duty, and our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry maintained with few Exception.

Ans 5th

Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian Character are mostly avoided, and we believe a good degree of Moderation in all things is observed

Ans. 6th

The Circumstances of the poor are relieved. Care taken in the other parts of this Query

Ans 7th

As far as appears Friends faithfully maintain our testimony against bearing Arms and other Military matters, against Oaths and against defrauding the public revenue

Ans 8th

We believe Most Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th
Records not so fully attended to as desirable, a number of Removals without certificates, Care taken with regard to the same

Ans 10th
Friends generally Endeavor to administer the discipline as required that judgement may be placed when necessary according to discipline

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to be held at Newport Rhode Island

Dear Friends

The Queries having all been read, at this time with answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings the accompanying Summary, has been prepared and adopted by this Meeting which is directed to be forwarded, with other necessary extracts. from our Minutes for the information of the ensuing Yearly Meeting. next to be held at Newport. by our friends Thomas Harkness. Samuel R Buffinton Hiram Buffinton Asa Sisson Obadiah Chace. Thomas B Buffum. William H. Perry. Stephen Chace. Benjamin F Knowles. Charles D Kenyon Richard S Peckham. Nathan Chace and Robert P Gifford whom we appoint as our representatives thereto

Our Treasurer has been directed at this time to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of that Meetings Stock

Providence Monthly Meeting inform that they have changed the hour of holding the morning Meeting for worship on First day from 10½ Oclock to 11. Oclock A.M

Phebe S Anthony an Elder and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting died 4th mo 24th 1882. Aged 75 Years 10 Months and 23 days

The following Statistical information together with the whole number of members composing this Meeting 3 mo 1st 1882 was furnished by the Several Monthly Meetings respectively and was as follows Viz –

Number of Births within our limits the past year.		4
" " Removals into by Certificate		9
" Admitted by Request		6
" Previously Omitted		7
Total additions		26
from which deduct		
Number of Removals out of by Certificate	9	
" " by Death	11	
" Releases	5	
		25
Showing an increase of One during the past Year		01
Whole Number of Members 3 mo 1st 1882.		701
" " " 3 mo 1st 1881.		700
total increase of Membership as above of		.01

There has been collected within our limits during the past Year, in three of our Monthly Meetings, in accordance with minute of the last Yearly Meeting the sum of Three hundred twenty three & 60/100 dollars In aid of the Brumana Mission, which amount has been forwarded by them to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting Committee on Foreign Missions.

The usual number of the Printed Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, the London General printed Epistle for 1881, and the Report of the Boarding School at Providence were all duly received by this Meeting and forwarded to the Several Monthly Meetings in the usual proportions

Taken from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 4th 1882.

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Eighth Month 1882

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 Mo 3d 1882

By the accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz

From Rhode Island Josiah Chase William Sherman and Levi Almy
" Greenwich Charles W Earle & Abel C Kenyon
" Swansea Henry E Davis Rowland G Buffinton Obadiah Chase & Nathan Chase
" Providence Thomas Harkness Daniel Meader and James Dennis
" So. Kingstown Peter H Collins and William H Perry

Whose names being called are all present except One - The Queries have all been read at this time and the 1st 2d & 10th answered by each Monthly Meeting. The names of the Representatives to the late Yearly Meeting being read we are informed that they all attended. The following minute of the late Yearly Meeting relative to Stock has been received and read viz At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England

Sixth Month 1882.

1882
8th Mo

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the Coming Year the Sum of $4000. Our Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay to George Howland Jun. their respective proportions of said Sum

Rhode Islands proportion 23 per ct. = $920.

Thereupon we appoint our friends Thomas Harkness and Benjamin F. Knowles a Committee to audit the Treasurers accounts, name a Sum necessary to be raised for the use of this Meeting the Coming Year, and present the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer, and report to this Meeting in 11th Mo next

Attention was also called to Minute #29 of the printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting in relation to Foreign Mission Work under the care of that Meeting upon Mount Lebanon, which being read, and the request contained therein being united with by this Meeting our Several Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees for the purpose of soliciting aid in their respective limits for the carrying forward of the concern, and they are requested to furnish this Meeting with the Amounts raised by them respectively in their accounts to this Meeting in 5th Mo 1883—

There has also been received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting 50 Copies (in leaflet form) containing the Order of Discipline approved and adopted by the Yearly Meeting, for the establishment and government of Meetings hereafter to be known as "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight" in the place of those heretofore known as Meetings of "Ministers and Elders". And the Clerk is directed to forward a sufficient number of the said leaflets to each Monthly Meeting, with instructions therewith that a copy be placed in each Book of

MEETINGS ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

The Meetings which have been known as Meetings of Ministers and Elders are henceforth to be constituted as hereafter mentioned under the designation of "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight." Recorded Ministers and appointed Elders are members of such Meetings.

There should also be appointed in each Monthly Meeting, other suitable Friends as members of these Meetings, who may be considered likely to prove helpful and to be themselves helped by association therewith. It being important that these Meetings should consist, as far as practicable, of individuals of varied ages, gifts, and qualifications, care should be taken in making appointments in connection therewith, not to limit the selection to Friends in later life; those being appointed who, whether older or younger, give evidence of love to Christ and of attachment to the principles we profess. The names of these are to be brought forward as in the case of the appointment of Elders, and the list shall be revised at least once in two years. They shall be in all respects members of the Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, but they are not to be considered as thereby having liberty to travel as Ministers. This appointment does not prevent them from being recognized as Ministers or Elders, if at any time their gifts may seem to warrant such proceeding.

DUTIES OF MEETINGS ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

It is recommended that the following paragraphs be read at least once a year in each Preparative and Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight:—

The subjects specified in the following paragraphs are especially commended to the care of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight; with any others which belong to the teaching and shepherding of the flock, viz:—

The religious condition of the particular congregations within their limits, and whether the Meetings for worship are held to edification and to the honor of God.

The counsel, encouragement and help of those engaged in the work of the Ministry.

The making of arrangements for attending, from time to time, the particular Meetings within their limits, especially those in which little or no ministry is exercised.

The visiting of the infirm, the sick and the afflicted. The spiritual care of the children and young people who attend our Meetings, and the promotion of their religious and scriptural instruction.

The propagation of the Gospel as way may open.

QUERIES OF MEETINGS ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

The four introductory Queries are to be read and weightily considered but not answered.

The other three are to be answered in writing to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and, in the Spring, to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

INTRODUCTORY QUERIES.

1. Are you engaged to watch unto prayer that you may yourselves be preserved in humble dependence upon Christ, and in an earnest, religious exercise for the conversion of sinners, and for the edifying of the body in the faith and love of the Gospel?

2. Are you concerned faithfully to occupy the spiritual gifts entrusted to you, to the honor of God?

3. Are your lives and conversation clean and blameless?

4. Are your Ministers in the exercise of their gifts careful to wait for Divine ability, and are they thereby preserved from being burdensome?

QUERIES TO BE ANSWERED.

1. Are you diligent in attending your Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of your families?

2. Are you in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which you belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ?

3. Are you engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit; and are you careful not to misquote or misapply them?

The following advice should be read after the reading and consideration of the Queries and Answers.

It is especially recommended that Ministers and Elders watch over one another for good, that they help those that are young in the Ministry, discouraging forward spirits that run into words without life and power, advising against affectation of tones and gestures, and everything that would hurt their service; yet encouraging the humble, careful traveller, speaking a word in season to them that are weary. And let all dwell in Him who gives ability to labor sucessfully in the Church of Christ, adorning the doctrine they deliver to others, being examples to the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith and in purity.

1882
8th 8/mo

Discipline used by the Monthly, Preparative and the "Meetings for Ministry and Oversight" within the limits of this Meeting.

There has been received through the usual channel 320 Copies of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting also several Copies of the Boarding School report for the use of this and of the several Monthly Meetings. both of which was apportioned and sent down to each respectively.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read at this time.

Our beloved Friend Henry C Aydelott. a Minister with whom we have Unity opened in this Meeting a prospect which he had of attending in the love of the Gospel the approaching Yearly Meeting of Indiana, and other service within its limits, as set forth in the Minute granted him by him by Swansea Monthly Meeting, which being united with in this Meeting he is left at liberty and encouraged to attend to the same, as the Lord may lead and direct him, and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the Minute granted him by this Minute.

"Having been favored again to meet at this place in the capacity of worshippers, and for the transaction of the business of Church, which has claimed our attention at this time which being accomplished, we Conclude proposing to meet at the usual time at Fall River in 11 mo next. should the Lord again permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Eleventh Month 1882

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 2nd 1882. By the accounts from the different Monthly Meetings, within its limits we are informed that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz

From Rhode Island Stephen A Watson. Joseph E Macomber & Joseph S Anthony
" Greenwich Arthur T Parker & Abel C Kenyon
" Swansea Benjamin A Chace Henry E Davis Obadiah Chace & Benjamin Shove
" Providence Thomas Harkneſs Robert P Gifford & Thomas J Battey
" South Kingstown Peter H. Collins & Wm H Perry

whose names being called are present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was given - The Queries have all been read at this time, with answers to the usual three from each Monthly Meeting The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to audit the Treasurers accounts and for other purposes presented the following Report viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The Committee on the Treasury, Report they have examined and settled the Treasurers accounts Balance in his hands Nineteen dollars & 61 cents, and propose that One thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting, and James A Dennis for Treasurer. Providence 10th mo 21st 1882

Thomas Harkneſs
For the committee

which being read is satisfactory, and the

1882 recommendations as proposed therein, are
11 mo approved of and adopted, by this
Meeting, and the several Monthly Meetings
are requested to forward their respective
proportion of this Meetings Stock to
James Dennis, (Address East Providence)
whom we appoint as Treasurer of this
Meeting for the ensuing year

We unite
with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, in the
appointment of William Weaver and Mary
W. Jones as members of the Meeting on
Ministry and Oversight, having the concurrence
of the Womens Meeting therein, and the
Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary
information in the case in accordance with
the Discipline

Greenwich Monthly Meeting
inform that they have united with
Coventry Preparative Meeting, in the discontinuance of the Midweek Meeting for Worship
at Coventry

There has been received by the
Clerk of this Meeting 475 Copies of the
London General printed Epistle for 1882. Which
have been apportioned and sent down to the
several Monthly Meetings

A copy of the London
General printed Epistle for 1882 being
presented at this time, the Meeting directs
that the reading of the same be deferred
to a future Meeting

Our beloved aged
friend Isaac Sharp attended this Meeting
and produced satisfactory testimonials from
the Monthly Meeting of Darlington held 4 mo
12th the Quarterly Meeting of Durham held at
Darlington 4 mo 19th and from the Meeting
on Ministry and Oversight of London Yearly
Meeting held by adjournment from 21st 5th mo
to 6 mo 1st in the year 1877. All expressing
unity with him as a minister of our

Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, together with expression of sympathy with him in his extensive prospect. His company has indeed been precious to us and his Gospel service among us has been truly acceptable and encouraging. 1882 11 mo

Our beloved friend Joel Bean attended this Meeting and produced satisfactory testimonials from San Jose Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 mo 18 1882 expressing unity with him as a minister of the Gospel of Christ, and with his prospect of accompanying as companion and fellow laborer of our dear friend Isaac Sharp in his visit to Friends and others on this Continent. His Company and Gospel services have been very acceptable and satisfactory to us.

Our dear friend Caroline E Talbott attended this Meeting and produced a minute of unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel from Short Creek Mo Meeting endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting of Friends Ohio. Her company and Gospel labors have been accepttable and satisfactory to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends Isaac Sharp and Joel Bean with copies of minutes made on their account, and also to unite with the Clerk of the Womens Meeting in signing a minute, of that Meeting for our friend Caroline E Talbot.

In accordance with the provision of Discipline pages 97 & 8 relative to the providing of Means when necessary for Ministers who may be liberated to travel in the Ministry by any of our Monthly Meetings, we appoint our friends Thomas Harkness and Benjamin F Knowles a standing Committee of this Meeting, upon whom Monthly Meetings may call, when in their judgment the case shall require the action of said committee on their behalf

Appointment of Committee to provide Means for Ministers liberated to travel 11 mo 82

1882
11 mo

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in their account acknowledges the receipt of their quota of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting, and the London General Printed Epistle for 1882

We having again been favored through the continued mercy of our loving Heavenly Father to meet at this time and place, and permitted to mingle together in Spirit as worshippers, and listen to the precious Gospel Messages from His faithful Servants who are now with us, and also to transact the business of the Church which has claimed our attention which being concluded, we seperate purposing to meet at the usual time at Providence in Second Month next should the Lord in His wisdom again permit -

Saml. R Buffinton Clerk

1883
2d mo

Second Month 1883 -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Providence 2nd Mo 1st 1883.

The accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, being received we are informed thereby that the following named Friends were appointed by them respectively as Representatives to this Meeting viz

From Rhode Island Stephen Chace
Joseph E Macomber & Robt A Sherman
" Greenwich
Abel C Kenyon & Chas D Kenyon
" Swansea
Saml R Buffinton, Chas A Chace, Henry E Davis and Richd R Macomber
" Providence.
James Dennis, Thos J Battey and Daniel Meader.
" South Kingstown John Babcock and William H Perry

whose names being called all responded thereto

The Queries have all been read with Answers to the First, Second, & Tenth, from each Monthly Meeting

James Dennis on behalf of the Representatives to this Meeting, informed that a portion of their number had conferred together upon the Subject of Clerks, and they were united in proposing the name of Samuel R Buffinton for Clerk and Charles W. Earle for Assistant Clerk, whose names being seperately considered by the Meeting were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those Stations respectively for the ensuing year

Rhode Island, Greenwich, Swansea and Providence Mo Meetings, in their accounts inform that they have directed the payment of their respective proportions of this Meeting's stock raised for in 11 Mo last.

Our beloved friends Thomas B. Nichols and his wife Rachel B. Nichols attended this Meeting, with Minute from Vassalboro Mo. Mtg of Friends held 1st Mo 16th 1883 expressing unity with them as Ministers and with their prospect as set forth therein. Their company and religious services have been satisfactory and acceptable to us,

Our beloved friend Mercy S Davis, attended this Meeting, with Minute from Seabrook Mo Mtg of Friends held 1st Mo 4th 1883, expressing unity with her as a Minister and with her proposed prospect. Her company and services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Joel H. Davis attended this Meeting as Companion to his wife Mercy S. Davis, with Minute from Seabrook Mo Mtg of Friends held 1st mo 4 1883, expressing unity with him as an Elder — His company has been acceptable to us.

And the Clerk is directed to furnish our friends, in attendance at this Meeting, with Copy of Minutes made on their behalf, and also unite with women friends, in signing, those prepared

1883 in that Meeting for our friends Rachel B
2 mo 1st Nichols and Mercy S. D. Davis.

South Kingstown Mo. Meeting in their account inform that they have united with South Kingstown Preparative Meeting, in the discontinuance of that and the Meeting for Worship at that place, on account of the scattered condition of its Members, and the irregular attendance of the same, and that the Members there have been united to Hopkinton Preparative Meeting

We have united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles D Kenyon and Mary Clapp to the Station of Elder, and with South Kingstown Mo Meeting, in the appointment of George S. Gould and Anna A. Gould to the same Station, and are also united in the appointment of Benjamin A. Chace, Herbert H Shumer, Maria Earle. Rachel P. Chace Phebe S Aydelott, Elizabeth S Newton and Parthenia Underwood, from Swansea Mo Meeting, and Mary S. Collins and Elizabeth N. Perry from South Kingstown Mo Meeting, as Members of the Meeting on "Ministry and Oversight," having the concurrence of the Womens Meeting in these several appointments, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information in accordance with Discipline.

The London General Printed Epistle for 1882 has been read at this time much to our satisfaction and encouragement.

Our beloved friend Henry C Aydelott, returned at this the Minute granted in 7 mo last by Swansea Mo Mtg and bearing the endorsement of this Meeting of 8 mo 1882, with the information, that although he had not been able, owing to sickness in his family during the prosecution of his visit to attend all the Meetings as contemplated in his prospect yet the service so far as accomplished, had been to his own Satisfaction and peace of mind.

He also presented copy of Minute from Indiana Yearly Meeting held 10 mo 3d 1882. certifying that he acceptably attended that Meeting, which is Satisfactory to us.

The business of Church which has claimed our attention at this time being accomplished in much love, accompanied with much pertinent Christian counsel from those in attendance with us from other Yf Meeting we conclude purposing to meet at East Greenwich in 5th mo next at the usual time should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

Fifth Month 1883

1883
5th mo 3d

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 3d 1883. The account being received from the several Monthly Meetings we are thereby informed that the following named Friends were by them appointed to attend this Meeting as their Representatives viz

From Rhode Island Thomas B Buffum, Stephen Chace and Robert N. Sherman
" Greenwich Solomon R Knowles and Arthur S. Parker
" Swansea Nathan Chace Benjm A Chace Saml R Buffinton & Stephen Weaver
" Providence Daniel Meader, Thomas Harkness and Robert P Gifford
" So. Kingstown George S. Field and William H Perry

whose names being called all responded thereto

The Queries have been read at this time with Answers thereto from each of the Monthly Meetings, from which a Summary has been approved of and adopted by this Meeting which is Intended to be forwarded, with other Extracts from our Minutes for the information of the Next Yearly Meeting to be held in the City of Portland Me by our Friends Benjamin P. Knowles, Henry L. Aydelott, Obadiah Chace, Thomas B. Buffum, James Dennis, Darius Buffinton, Willis H. White, Charles W. Earle, William H. Perry and Charles A. Chace whom we appoint as our Representatives thereto

The usual Statistical information has been received at this time from the several Monthly Meetings, together with the Whole Number of Members Constituting the same 3 mo 1st 1883

	Births	Deaths	Removals Into	Removals Out of	Admitted by Request	Released or Disowned	Number previously Omitted	Total number of Members 3/1/83
Rhode Island	2	2	5	2	0	1	0	137
Greenwich	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	60
Swansea	3	5	1	2	6	1	0	199
Providence	0	1	3	2	1	3	1	223
So Kingstown	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	83
Totals	6	13	9	6	9	5	1	702

Total Membership 3 mo 1st 1883 702
" " 3 " 1st 1882 701

Showing an increase in membership during the past year of 1 An Abstract of which is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting

South Kingstown Mo Meeting inform that they have directed the payment of this Meeting's Stock called for in 11 Mo last, and the other Mo Meetings having previously reported that they had directed their proportion of said Stock.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of that Meetings Stocks.

This Meeting with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting unites with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public Ministry of Electa Jane Collins, and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth S Newton and Sarah E Skinner to the Station of Elder and also united in the appointment of Richard R Macomber, Sarah J Macomber and Sarah E Buffinton from Swansea, Thomas J Battey Daniel Meader Ellen K Buffum and Louisa Meader from Providence and Mary E Kenyon from Greenwich Mo Meetings as members of the Meetings on "Ministry and Oversight" and the Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information in accordance with Discipline

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting inform that they are united in changing the place of holding the Meetings on Ministry and Oversight in the 4th and 7th Months from Peacedale to Hopkinton, And Swansea Mo Mtg informs that the time of holding the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has been changed, from the day of Mo Meeting preceding the Quarterly Meeting at 10 A.M. to the Fourth and Fifth-days before the Preparative Meeting at Fall River in the 4th and 10th months and at Somerset in the 1st and 7th months preceding the Quarterly Meetings — at the close of the said Preparative Meetings

The following amounts have been raised in the several Monthly meetings in aid of the Brumana Mission the past year in accordance with minute of the last Yearly Meeting Rhode Island. none. Greenwich None Swansea $\$56^{30}$ Providence $26. South Kingstown none Total $82 30/100 Which information is directed to be furnished the Yr. Meeting

The printed Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, the London

General Printed Epistle for 1882. the report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, and the Amendments to the Discipline relative to Meetings on Ministry and Oversight have all been received, apportioned, and sent down to the several Monthly Meetings.

"Having again been privileged through the Continued Mercy of our Father in Heaven to meet and transact the important business of the Church which has claimed our attention at this time, in much harmony and love, we again seperate purposing to meet at the usual time in 8th mo next Newport R I. should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 3d 1883.

Summary Answers -

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except for worship twelve have been omitted, and thirteen attended by one friend only, they have not been so fully attended as we could desire, particularly in the afternoon and in the middle of the week, when they are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed, clear of unbecoming behaviour with little exception

Ans 2d

Love and unity are maintained with some exception, we believe most friends guard against detraction, when differences occur, endeavors are used to end them

Ans 3d

With little exception Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and those having children or others under their care endeavor by example and precept to train them in accordance with our Christian profession

Ans 4th

We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their Children and others in this important duty. Our testimony as to a free Gospel Ministry nearly maintained

Ans 5th

The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage avoided - Friends with few exceptions are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character and to observe moderation in all things

Ans 6th

The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their Children -

Ans 7th

We know of no violation of our testimony in regard to the several particulars of this query

Ans 8th

With little exception Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th

Records attended to with some exception in two meetings. Several removals without Certificates. Some care taken

Ans 10th

Endeavors are used to administer the discipline as queried after, and to place judgement when it appears necessary in the authority of Truth and according to discipline

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England

Dear Friends

The Queries have been read at this time with Answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings, and the accompanying summary therefrom adopted by this Meeting, which is directed to be forwarded, with other Extracts from our Minutes to the ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Portland in the State of Maine by our Friends Benjamin F. Knowles Henry C Aydelott Obadiah Chace Thomas B Buffum James Dennis Darius Buffinton, Willis H White, Charles W Earle William H Perry and Charles A Chace whom we appoint as our Representatives thereto.

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of that Meetings Stock

This Meeting has united with South Kingstown Mo Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Electa Jane Collins, and with Greenwich Mo Mtg in the appointment of Charles D Kenyon and Mary Clapp to the Station of Elder and with Swansea Mo Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth S Newton and Sarah C Skinner to the same Station And South Kingstown Mo Meeting in the appointment of George S Gould and Anna A Gould, to the same Station, And the appointment of the following number of Friends has also been united with and added as members to the "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight" from the different Monthly Meetings within our limits during the past year, in conformity with the amended Discipline of our last Yearly Meeting respecting said "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight" viz

From

Rhode Island Mo. Meeting	Two 2
Greenwich " "	One 1
Swansea " "	Ten 10
Providence " "	Four 4
South Kingstown " "	Two 2
Total	(Nineteen) 19

Greenwich Mo Meeting informs that the mid-week Meeting for Worship at Coventry has been discontinued. And South Kingstown Mo Meeting informs that the Preparative Meeting at South Kingstown has been joined to Hopkinton Preparative Meeting, and the Meetings for Worship at South Kingstown discontinued

The following Statistical information with the Whole of Number of members Constituting this Meeting 3 mo 1st 1883. is as follows viz

Whole Number of Members 3mo 1st 1882		701
Added by Births since that date		6
" " Requests		9
" " Certificate		9
" Previously Omitted		1
Additions 25 - Total number with Additions		726
From which deduct for		
Removals by Death	13	
" " Certificate	6	
Released or Disowned	5	
Total deductions		24
Total Membership 3mo 1st 1883 -		702

showing an increase of One (1) during the past year

There has been collected in two of our Monthly Meetings, in aid of the Brumana Mission upon Mount Lebanon, in conformity with minute of the last Yearly Meeting the Sum of \$ $82^{30}/_{00}$ which amount has been forwarded by them to the Treasurer of the Mission Fund

The usual number of the Printed minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, the

London General Printed Epistle for 1882, the Boarding School Committees report, with 50 Copies of the Amended Discipline relative to the Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, were all received by this Meeting, and forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings in their respective proportions

Taken from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5 Mo 3d 1883

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Eighth Month 1883

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 Mo 2d 1883

By the accounts from the several Mo Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends were by them appointed to attend this Meeting as their Representatives viz

Rhode Island	Jacob Mott Levi Almy and Stephen Chace
Greenwich	Charles W Earle and Asa Sisson
Swansea	Saml R Buffinton, Obadiah Chace Horace Buffinton and Nathan Chace
Providence	Thomas Harkness, Daniel Meader and Robert P Gifford
South Kingstown	A Chalkley Collins and George S. Gould

Who are all present

The names of the Representatives of this Meeting to the late Yearly Meeting, being called, inform that they all attended except three, for the absence of which sufficient reasons were given

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting and the 1st 2nd and 10th answered by all the Monthly Meetings

The following Minute from the late Yearly Meeting relative to Stock has been received and read at this time, viz

It was concluded to raise the Sum of Four Thousand Dollars for the use of the Meeting the coming year. Our several Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay to George Howland Jun. our Treasurer their respective of said Sum on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's quota 23 per ct = $920

By direction of the Meeting

Wm. O Newhall Clerk

Whereupon we appoint our friends Benjamin S. Knowles and Thomas Harkness a committee to audit the Treasurers account, name a Sum necessary in their judgment to be raised for the use of this Meeting the coming year and recommend the name of a suitable friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer and report Quarterly Meeting in 11 Mo next.

Attention was also called by the Yearly Meeting to Minute #28 of its printed Minutes which has reference to the carrying forward of the Concern of that Meeting of Foreign Mission Work upon Mount Lebanon, and requests the several Monthly Meetings to appoint committees to assist and raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year". Which request being united with in this Meeting, the several Mo. Meetings are hereby requested to appoint such Committees in their respective Meetings to solicit aid for this worthy object, and the Mo Meetings are requested to forward in their several accounts to this Meeting in the 5th Month 1884, the amounts so raised by them for this special object, with such other Sums as may be raised by them in aid of other Mission work to that date.

Our beloved friend S. Adelbert Wood attended this Meeting and presented a Minute from Hanover Mo Meeting of friends held at Hanover Jackson Co Mich, and Endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting, Expressing unity with him as a Minister of the Gospel of Christ, and with his prospect as expressed therein. His Company and Gospel services has been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the Minute made on his behalf.

Sarah E. Harris attended this Meeting and produced a Minute from Lower Monthly Meeting of friends held at Somerton in Nansemond Co Virginia, Expressing unity with her as a Member of that Meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Our Esteemed friend Electa Jane Collins a Minister in Unity with us, laid before this Meeting a prospect which has for some time past and of late with increasing weight of attending in the love of the Gospel, the approaching Yearly Meetings of Iowa, Western, Indiana and Kansas, and to appoint some Meetings within their limits and also to visit and appoint some Meetings within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting as way may open therefor, thereby So. Kingstown ~~Mo Meeting~~ & which ~~as per Minute granted~~, being considered was united with by this Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to sign an Endorsement of the same prepared by the Womens Meeting Expressing the sense of the above Minute.

The reading of the Report of the Committee having Charge of the Boarding School at Providence is deferred to a future Meeting

There has been received through the usual Channel 306 copies of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting, also a suitable Number of copies of the Boarding School committees Report for the use of this and our several Mo Meetings, both of which have been apportioned as usual and sent to each respectively

The business of the Meeting claiming our attention at this time, having been satisfactorily concluded, we separate purposing to meet at the usual time in the 11th mo next at Fall River. Should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Eleventh Month 1883.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 1st 1883.

The accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, inform that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as their Representatives, viz

from Rhode Island Stephen A Watson, Jacob Mott and Joseph S Anthony
Greenwich Charles D Kenyon and Charles W Earle
Swansea Stephen Weaver Thomas G. Estes Hiram Buffinton and Chs A Chace
Providence Thomas Harkness Robert P Gifford and Daniel Meader
South Kingstown William H Perry, Geo. S. Gould and Edward W Collins

who are present except three, for the absence of two a reasonable excuse was given

The Queries have all been read at this time with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of the Monthly Meetings

The Committee appointed in 8 mo last to audit the Treasurers accounts and for other purposes presented the following Report viz

To the Quarterly Meeting

The committee to examine and settle the Treasurers account and to name a sum to be raised for the use of the Meeting and Friend for Treasurer Report they have examined the Treasurers account and find it Correct - balance on hand Eighty three dollars & 75 cents - We propose that Nine hundred dollars be raised, and James Dennis for Treasurer.

Providence 10th Mo. 19 1883.

Thomas Harkness
for the Committee

Which is satisfactory to and accepted by this Meeting, and the recommendation therein also adopted, and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportion of the Amount therein called for to James Dennis, whom we appoint as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Our beloved friends, Thomas Kimber and his wife Mary S. Kimber, attended this Meeting and produced a Minute from New York Mo. Meeting of Friends held 4 mo 17th and Endorsed by Westbury Quarterly Meeting held 7th mo 25 1883. Expressing Unity with him as a Minister and her as an Elder Their Company and Services have been truly acceptable to us.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our dear friend, Micajah M. Binford, who produced a Sojourn Minute from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7 mo 15th 1882 and Endorsed by Walnut Ridge Quarterly Meeting held 8th mo 12th 1882. Expressing unity with him as a minister and with his concern as expressed therein His company and services have been acceptable to us. And the Clerk is directed to furnish our friends now present with us with a copy of the Minute made on their behalf

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in their account to this Meeting inform that they are united in the appointment of our friends William Sherman and Mary W Dana to the Station of Elder, with which this and the Womens Meeting also unites, and our Clerk is directed to furnish the required information in accordance with the Discipline

We reappoint our friends Thomas Harkness and Benjamin F Knowles a Standing Committee of this Meeting with whom Monthly Meetings may confer, when necessary, relative to providing means for Ministers who may be liberated by them for service in the Ministry. And they are authorized to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting from time to time, for the necessary funds needed for that purpose

We appoint our friends Joseph S Anthony Chas H. Earle Augustine Jones Saml R Buffinton and William H Perry, a Committee of this Meeting to join such as may be appointed by the Womens Meeting, who together shall constitute a joint Committee, to have the care of the Meetings for Worship connected with the holding of our next Quarterly Meeting

Providence Mo. Meeting inform that they have received their Quota of the London General Printed Epistle for 1883

Having again been favored through the continued Mercy and loving kindness of our loving Heavenly Father to meet in His Name as worshippers, and for the transaction of the business of the Church which has claimed our attention at this time in much harmony and love, which being accomplished we seperate purposing to meet at Providence at the usual time in 2d Mo next should the Lord in his continued Mercy grant it. Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Second Month 1884.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2nd Mo 7th 1884 By the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends were by them appointed to attend this Meeting as representatives viz.

From Rhode Island Stephen Chase, Thomas B. Buffum and Jos. E. Macomber
" Greenwich Asa Sisson and Charles D. Kenyon
" Swansea Stephen Weaver, Hiram Buffinton and Herbert A. Skinner
" Providence Thos. Harkness, John H. Meader and Thomas J. Battey
" So. Kingstown William T. Collins and William H. Perry

Whose names being called are present except three for the absence of two an excuse was rendered

Thomas Harkness on behalf of the representatives, informed that a portion of their number had conferred together upon the subject of clerks for this Meeting and they were united in proposing the name of Samuel R. Buffinton for Clerk and Charles W. Earle for Assistant Clerk. Which nominations being united with by this Meeting, they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year

The Queries have all been read at this time and the usual three answered from each of our Monthly Meetings

Rhode Island Greenwich Swansea South Kingstown Mo. Meetings, by their accounts, inform that they have directed the payment of their quota ——

of this Meetings Stock and Providence Mo Meeting through one of its representatives informs that their quota of said Stock called for in 11 mo last had been paid to our Treasurer

This and the Womens Meeting unites with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary S Buffinton and Adaline F. Chace as members of the "Meeting on Ministry and Oversight" and the Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information in accordance with discipline

There has been received through the usual Channel 471 Copies of the London General printed Epistle for 1883. which have been apportioned and sent down to each of our Monthly Meetings

One of which has also been read at this time. to our satisfaction and edification realizing indeed by the reading of this valuable document that wherever the true Church may be located. that they are all one in Christ.

The reading of the Report of the Committee having Charge of our Boarding School which had been deferred from time to time was read at this time. (See minute below omitted here)*

The business of the Church which has claimed the attention of this Meeting at this time being concluded in much harmony, we separate in love proposing to meet at the usual time at East Greenwich in 5th Month next at the established hour should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

* The joint Committee of this Quarterly Meeting to have the care of our Meetings for worship at this time, are again continued to extend the necessary care to those Meetings held in connection with our next Quarterly Meeting.

Fifth Month 1884

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 1st 1884

The Meeting was informed by the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as their Representatives viz

From, Rhode Island Stephen A Watson
Chas E Boyd and Thos B Buffum
" Greenwich Solomon R Knowles and
Charles D Kenyon
" Swansea Hiram Buffinton, Henry C
Aydelott, Darius Buffinton & Chas A Chace
" Providence Thomas Harkness, Robert P
Gifford and Jos K Atwater
" So. Kingstown John Babcock, Geo. S Gould
and James R Collins
Who are present except One

Our Assistant Clerk not being in attendance at this Meeting Robert P Gifford is appointed to that service for the day.

The Queries have all been read at this time, with Answers thereto from all the different Monthly Meetings, from which a Summary has been adopted by this Meeting, and is directed to be forwarded, with other necessary Extracts from our Minutes for the information of the next Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport R.I. by our friends Thomas Harkness, Saml R Buffinton, Hiram Buffinton, James R Collins, Joseph E Macomber, Benjamin F Knowles, Asa Sisson, Anthony M Kimber, Stephen Chace, Henry C Aydelott, Charles D Kenyon William H Perry & Charles A Chace, whom we appoint as our representatives thereto, The following Statistical information has been received from the several Monthly Meetings, together with the whole number of Members belonging to each 3 mo 1st 1884 viz

	Births	Deaths	Removals Into	Removals Out of	Admitted by Request	Released or Disowned	Members previously Omitted	Total number of Members 3 mo 1st 1884
Rhode Island	2	3	0	0	3	1	5	143
Greenwich	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	63
Swansea	2	1	2	1	3	0	0	204
Providence	2	4	8	2	0	0	0	227
So. Kingstown	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	84
Totals	8	8	10	5	11	2	5	721

Total Membership 3 mo 1st 1883 702
3 " 1st 1884 721

Showing an increase during the year past of 19 Members,

An Abstract of which is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting

Our beloved friend John T Pennington attended this Meeting, and produced a certificate from Spiceland Monthly Meeting ~~held~~ of Friends Ind held 4 Mo 5th 1884. Expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his prospect as therein expressed. His Company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us, And the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the above Minute and sign the same on our behalf

The following amount has been raised in the several Monthly Meetings named below the past year in aid of the Syrian Mission, in conformity with Minute of the last Yearly Meeting upon that subject viz from Rhode Island $53^{25}/_{100}$ Greenwich 5^{00} Swansea $72^{93}/_{100}$ Providence none South Kingstown None - Total $131^{8}/_{10}$ Which amount has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Mission Fund.

This and the Womens Meeting has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the

the gift and approving the the public Ministry of Adelia C. Mann, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information in accordance with Discipline

The several Monthly Meetings, having all previously reported that they had either paid or directed to be paid, their quota of this Meetings Stock called for in 11 Mo last and

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of that Meeting's Stock—

Which he informs has already been paid in conformity with minute of the last Yearly Meeting directing the same to be paid on or before the first of 5th Month.

The following minute relative to the subjects named therein, was united with by this and the Womens Meeting viz

The subject of holding subordinate Meetings of Men and Women Friends in joint session, and also of United Preparative Meetings, under the provision of Discipline claiming our attention it is concluded to ask the Yearly Meeting to consider and so revise the whole subject, including the appointment of Clerks of such Meetings that the practice may be uniform. Reference being had to the last paragraph on page 73, concluded on page 74 of the Discipline in the matter of joint session and page 101 for the United Preparative Meetings, the same is directed to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting

There has been received by the Clerk of this Meeting since our last Yearly Meeting 806 copies of the Printed Minutes of that Meeting 471 copies of the London General Printed Epistle for 1883. and the usual number of The Boarding School Committees

Report, all of which have been apportioned and sent to the different Monthly Meetings in their respective proportions

The business of this Meeting which has claimed its attention at this time — in much harmony and love, being concluded, we separate proposing to meet at Newport in 8 mo next at the usual time should the Lord again permit

Saml C Buffinton Clerk

Summary Answers

1st All our Meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been regularly held except five. Those on First Days generally well attended whilst those in the middle of the week and for discipline are much neglected. The hour is observed, clear of unbecoming behavior with little exception reported from two Mtgs —

2nd Love and unity maintained with little Exception. Detraction generally guarded against. When differences arise Endeavors are used to end them.

3d While many friends are careful to maintain a Religious life and Conversation Encouraging the same in their children we fear others are remiss in these important duties.

4th We believe friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures as directed after, Encouraging their Children and others in this important duty, and generally maintain our testimony to a free Gospel ministry

5th Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage With One Exception, Improper amusements and diversions Mostly avoided We believe Moderation in all things is generally observed

6th The Circumstances of the poor are attended to and their Necessities relieved and Care is taken to educate their Children

7th We believe Friends are careful in the several requirements of this Query

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their Accounts; to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their Circumstances

9th Recording is attended to, a few removals Without Certificates. Some Care taken

10th We endeavor to administer the discipline as required, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England
Dear Friends

The Queries have all been read at this time with Answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings, and the accompanying Summary therefrom adopted by this Meeting, which is directed to be forwarded, with other Extracts from our Minutes to the ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Newport Rhode Island by our friends, Thomas Harkness, Saml R Buffinton, Hiram Buffington James R Collins, Joseph E Macomber, Benjamin P. Knowles Asa Sisson Anthony M Kimber Stephen Chace, Henry C Aydelott, Charles D Kenyon, William H Perry and Charles A Chace whom we appoint as Representatives thereto

This Meeting has united with Providence Mo Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Adelia C. Mann, and with Rhode Island Mo Meeting in the appointment of William Sherman and Mary Dame to the Station of Elder.

It has also united with the appointment of the following number of Friends from the different Monthly Meetings within our limits, which have been added as Members to the "Meeting on Ministry and Oversight" during the past year viz

From Swansea Monthly Meeting	2.
Total	2

The following Statistical information with the whole Number of Members constituting this Meeting 3 mo 31st 1884 has been furnished by the different Monthly Meetings, and is as follows viz

Additions by Births during the past Year	8
do " Requests	11
do " Certificate	10
Number previously omitted	5
Total additions	34

Deduct for Removals by Death		8
do " " Certificates		5
" Released or Disowned		2
Total deductions		15
Whole Number of Members 3mo 1st 1883	702	
Additions the past year as above	34	
Total	736	
From which deduct for different causes as above	15	

And we find our total Membership 3mo 1st 1884 to 721 - an increase of 19 during the past year

There has been collected in 3 of our Monthly Meetings within the past year by committees appointed in accordance with the direction of the Yearly Meeting the Sum of $131 18/100 in aid of the Brumana Mission upon Mount Lebanon Which amount has been forwarded by them to the Treasurer of the Mission Fund -

The usual Number of the printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting the London General printed Epistle for 1883 with the Boarding School Committees report was all received by this Meeting, and forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings in there respective proportions

Our Treasurer paid to yours previous to the first of fifth Month last our proportion of the Yearly Meeting Stock in pursuance with Minute of the Yearly Meeting of last year

This Meeting has united with the following Minute, relative to the Subject Matter named therein, and directed the same to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting viz

"The Subject of holding Subordinate Meetings of Men and Women Friends in joint sessions, and also of "United Preparative Meetings" under the provisions of our present Discipline, claiming our attention we concluded to ask the Yearly Meeting to consider, and so revise the whole Subject, including the appointment of Clerks of such Meetings that the practice may be uniform. Reference being had to the last paragraph on page 73 concluded on page 74 of the Discipline in the matter of joint sessions, and page 100 for the United Preparative Meetings.

From the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich R I 5th Mo 1st 1884

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

Eighth Month 1854

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 Mo 7th 1854

By the accounts received from all the Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as their Representatives viz

From Rhode Island: Thomas B Buffum, Stephen Easton and Wm Stevens.
" Greenwich: Chas W. Earle and Solomon Knowles
" Swanzea: Geo. Mahlon Chace, Daniel Chace, Saml R Buffinton and Benj C Aydelott
" Providence: Thomas Tarkin, Daniel Meader and James Cimis
" South Kingstown: Robert Browning and William H Perry

who are all present except one.

The names of the Representatives from this Meeting in the 5th Mo to the late Yearly Meeting being called we are informed that they attended all or part of the same.

The Queries have all been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of the Monthly Meetings

The following Minute from our late Yearly Meeting relating to Stock has been received and read at this time viz

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England Sixth Month 1854

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year the sum of Four thousand Dollars ($4000) which our several Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay to George Howland Jun. our Treasurer in their respective proportions on or before the first of fifth Month next.

The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting 23 pr ct is $920.00

By direction of the Meeting
William O. Newhall
Clerk

Whereupon we appoint our friends Thomas Hawkins and Benjamin F. Knowles a Committee to audit the accounts of our Treasurer, name a sum necessary in their judgment to be raised for the use of this Meeting the coming year, and present the name of a suitable friend for Treasurer of this Meeting the ensuing year, and report to the Qr. Meeting in 11th mo next.

The following information was also received and read from the same source viz.

"Our several Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the Mission Work in Syria." Which request meeting the approbation and approval of this Meeting our Monthly Meetings are hereby requested to appoint such Committees to solicit aid in their respective Meetings for the object named. And the Monthly Meetings are requested to forward the amount raised within their respective limits for that purpose, in their accounts to the Qr. Meeting in 5th Mo 1885. And the Clerk is directed to furnish the above information to each of the Monthly Meetings.

Also received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting in accordance with Minute thereof 75 printed Slips containing the Changes, and additions made in our Book of Discipline relative to the holding United Meetings &c and also the Change as adopted in the 10th Query, which is as follows viz

AT the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I., in Sixth Month, 1884, changes were made in the Discipline as follows, viz.:—

On page 101 (edition of 1878) under the head of "Preparative Meetings," the paragraph beginning with the words "Small Preparative Meetings," is stricken out; and under the head of "Meetings for Discipline," on page 74, after the words "mutual consent" the following is inserted, viz.:—

"Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings may be held as United Meetings of Men and Women Friends, whenever in the judgment of said Meetings it is desirable.

"United Quarterly and Monthly Meetings shall appoint one man and one woman as Clerks, and where the superior Meeting is held in separate sessions, separate Reports shall be made and signed by each Clerk for his or her respective Meeting.

"United Preparative Meetings may appoint but one Clerk, either man or woman.

"Whenever the Discipline requires concurrent action all such business may be transacted either in separate or joint sessions or in United Meetings."

THE last clause of the 10th Query, page 106, viz.:—"And is judgment placed, when it appears necessary, in the authority of Truth and according to discipline," is stricken out.

And our Clerks are requested to insert in the Book of Discipline used by this Meeting one of said Slips in its proper place (which it is proposed be between pages 74 & 75 in the Edition of the Book of Discipline of 1878), and our Monthly Meetings are also to be furnished with a necessary Number of said Slips, with directions that the same be placed as directed in all the Books of Discipline used by them and the Preparative Meetings. And the several Monthly Meetings are requested to acknowledge the receipt of the same by them in their account to this Meeting in 5th Month 1885, in the same manner that other documents from a Superior Meeting is acknowledged by them.

There has also been received through the usual channel an proportion of the printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting, which have been apportioned and sent down to each of the Monthly Meetings, together with the usual number of the Boarding school committee report, sufficient for this and the Mo Meetings, which was also transmitted to such upon its reception.

Our beloved friend Electa Jane Collins returned at this time the Minute granted her by South Kingstown Monthly Meeting Endorsed by this Meeting in 8th Mo 1883, for Service in the love of the Gospel within the Iowa Western, Indiana, Kansas and New York Yearly Meetings, with the information that she had accomplished the same to the satisfaction and peace of her own mind. She also presented returning Minutes from Iowa Western Indiana. Kansas and New York Yearly Meetings, all of which is very satisfactory to this Meeting.

Our beloved friend Charlotte L. Colmer a minister with whom we have unity, laid before this Meeting. a prospect which she had of Attending, in the love of the Gospel the sittings of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and also attend to such service as she may feel called for and required of her within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting as fully set forth in the Minute granted her by Providence Mo Meeting liberating her for said service, which concern is united with in this Meeting, and directed to

REPORT

OF THE PROVIDENCE

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIXTH MONTH, 1884.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In again presenting their Annual Report, the sixty-fifth, the Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence is pleased that it can re-affirm the statement of several preceding years, that the School is steadily moving on, in its appropriate sphere of educating and elevating to a higher standard of intellectual culture than perhaps ever before, those young persons whose privilege it is to be the recipients of the advantages to be derived from their connection therewith.

The School continues under the immediate care of Augustine Jones, A.M. as Principal, with an able corps of Assistants on either side of the house, between whom there appears to be perfect harmony of action, and a united effort in the direction of the best interests of the School.

The religious meetings which continue to be held in the house, have during the year been attended by the pupils with more than usual interest, a fact which is cause for gratitude and thanksgiving to our Father in Heaven.

The average number of pupils for the year has been ninety-four boys and eighty-two girls.

The health of the family has been excellent, almost without exception, through the year—probably no greater exemption from sickness has been experienced for many years.

The gift from our friend James H. Chace, reported last year, has been appropriated, with his knowledge and approval, in procuring a beautiful white marble bust of John Bright, a distinguished statesman and member of our Society on the other side of the Atlantic, and a fast and valued friend of our common country, one who, by the noble position he took in the Parliament of his own country, during our comparatively recent fratricidal struggle, has endeared himself to our people by bonds that will long be cherished by us as a nation.

A corner of Alumni Hall, at the west end of the platform, has been appropriately fitted up for its reception, and the bust placed on a beautiful and highly polished pedestal of Rhode Island granite, forming a very attractive and ornamental addition to the Hall.

The unveiling of the bust, on the 28th of Third Month last, was made the occasion of a public meeting in the Hall, at which several prominent citizens of Rhode Island, including the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State, an ex-Judge of the Supreme Court, the President and one of the Professors of Brown University, many friends of the School, and the members of the household were present, and was a season of intellectual enjoyment and gratification to all who participated in the exercises incident to it.

Our friend who so kindly furnished the means for the purchase of this beautiful work of art, has made a still further demand upon our gratitude, by assuming the expense incurred in its erection upon the well-chosen site, where we hope it may long remain, not only as a memento of his liberality, but also as an incitement to those who look upon it to emulate the virtues of him whose features it so truthfully represents.

A contribution during last autumn of six hundred and fifty dollars, from a source unknown to the Committee, for the purpose of introducing electric light into the Girls' School-room, and to some small extent to other parts of the house, has greatly improved that room in regard to temperature and the purity of the air, as by this method of lighting the oxygen of the atmosphere is not consumed, nor is the heat at all increased thereby; while the light is perfectly steady and entirely satisfactory.*

The improvement in both these directions is highly appreciated by those who pass much of their time in the room. May the benevolent donor of this money feel in his own breast the consciousness of having performed a praise-worthy act, and may he further receive, in return, the rich reward of finding, after many days, the bread which he has so generously cast upon the waters.

At the opening of the school in Ninth Month last a department was inaugurated for instruction in the practical use of tools in the working of wood (including ornamental carving) and of metals, which we think has been highly appreciated, not only by the students, but by the parents also, and promises to be a permanent and useful addition to the appliances of the school.

This department has received a gratuity of one hundred dollars, from a member of the Committee, for supplying tools and other needed apparatus for its use.

We also learn that by the liberality of another valued member of the Committee, a full-length portrait of John G. Whittier is in course of preparation, and will soon occupy a conspicuous place in Alumni Hall.

The improvement in the laundry, the means for defraying the expense of which was largely furnished by a friend of the Institution, as reported last year, has been completed and enables those who labor there to perform with comparative ease a great amount of work, which if done at all previously, could only have been imperfectly done with a large expenditure of human strength and consequent exhaustion.

The boilers and other apparatus for heating the house, having, after many years of service, become somewhat dilapidated, indicating unmistakably in many ways that a renewal of the entire system will, erelong, be required; a movement in the direction of such renewal has been begun, and the subject brought to the notice of friends of the school, one of whom has already contributed the very liberal sum of $5,000 towards that object, and it is confidently expected that others will soon follow in the same direction.

It is estimated that the sum of $15,000 will be required for the proposed renewal.

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* It is estimated that the quantity of oxygen consumed by gas burners in the room is equal to the amount required for the supply for breathing of one hundred persons.

These contributions, which not only supply our needs, but also enable us to improve and make more attractive the halls and school-rooms of the Institution, are very gratefully accepted and highly appreciated by us, and we hope will be equally valued by the Yearly Meeting.

During the present season, communications have been received from several citizens of Providence, asking us to erect some houses on portions of our unoccupied lands, for lease to the parties applying for them. After giving the matter due consideration, we decided to make the experiment, and have commenced the erection of three houses, for which desirable tenants at satisfactory rates have been secured; the houses will be ready for occupancy in the early Autumn.

This arrangement will give us an income from some of the land before unproductive, as well as an equally good if not better income from the funds so invested.

Since our last report, we have effected the sale of one small lot on Lloyd Avenue.

In the decease of one of our most valued members, our late dear friend, Henry T. Wood, whose death occurred on the 23d of Eleventh Month last, after a short confinement (his health having been failing for a much longer period), we feel that we have indeed sustained a great loss. He had been a member of the Committee for something over six years, and, when his health permitted, was prompt in attendance at our meetings, active in the discharge of all the duties incumbent upon him, and thoroughly interested in everything which tended to promote the usefulness and efficiency of the school. As one of the auditors of the school accounts for a series of years, his services were highly appreciated; he is gone, and the place on this Board which has known him so long and so agreeably, will know him no more forever, yet his memory and the recollections of the very acceptable services rendered by him while with us will be long and gratefully cherished by his associates of the Committee.

OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENT AND INSTRUCTION.

Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal and Political Science.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Governor and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
J. Myron Potter, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Benjamin W. Wells, Ph.D., Modern Languages.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
Wilmot R. Jones, A.B., Mental and Moral Science and English.
Jean E. Guilbert, French.
Charles G. Farwell, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Caroline C. Ladd, English Studies.
Mary E. Wing, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Lucy R. Weaver, M.D., Physiology.
Lizzie C. Perry, Secretary and Book-keeper (Autumn Term).
George A. Barton, Secretary and Book-keeper.
Ellen A. Winslow, Librarian.

Financial statement of the accounts of the School for the year ending Seventh Month, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

From Board and Tuition,	$41,173 21	
From Art Studies, Languages, etc.,	2,318 98	
From the Treasurer of the School Fund,	5,860 83	
Supplies on hand in excess of amount last year,	127 99	
Loss on the year's work,	1,093 18	
		$50,574 19

PAYMENTS.

For Provisions,	$15,151 43	
Salaries,	14,352 79	
Wages,	9,111 57	
Repairs, Renewals and Improvements,	4,271 79	
Fuel,	1,685 15	
Light,	1,019 90	
Water,	526 48	
Library and Periodicals,	370 16	
Incidentals,	1,103 72	
City of Providence, Tax for 1882,	2,981 20	
		$50,574 19

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School for the year commencing in the Ninth Month next, be

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	$150 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting,	$250 00
For all others who may be admitted,	$300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge to be made, for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, ten dollars. For one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing, fifteen dollars. For one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing, and Painting, thirty dollars.

With devout thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His watchfulness over us the past year, again we commend the Institution to His superintending care and to the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, Sixth Month 3d, 1884.

Note.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 3d, 1884, and closes Second Month 4th, 1885. The Spring Term begins Second Month 5th, 1885, and closes Sixth Month 23d, 1885.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 5th of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which, applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

be Endorsed thereupon and the Clerks are directed to sign the same on our behalf—

The Report of the committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence for the past year has been read at this time.

The business of this Meeting claiming our attention at this time being concluded in much harmony and brotherly love. We conclude purposing to meet at the usual time in the 11th M. next at Providence should the Lord again permit Saml R Buffinton

Eleventh Month 1884

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 16th 1884

The accounts being received from all the Monthly Meetings, we are by them informed that the following named Friends were appointed therefrom to attend this Meeting as representatives viz from

Rhode Island Chas E Boyd and Joseph S Anthony
Greenwich Chas D Kenyon and Asa Sisson
Swansea Benjamin Shove Albert R Macomber Obadiah Chace and Saml R Buffinton
Providence Augustine Jones, Thomas Harkness and Joseph L Holmes
South Kingstown John Babcock and William H Perry.

Who are present except three for the absence of two satisfactory reasons were given

The Queries have all been read at this time, with answers to the usual three from each of the Monthly Meetings

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to audit the accounts of our Treasurer and for other purposes presented the following report viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The committee to Examine and settle the Treasurers Account &c Report attention to their appointment and find the account correct, and a balance on hand of Sixty dollars & 50 cents. We propose to raise Nine hundred dollars and James Dennis for Treasurer

Thomas Harkness
For the committee

10 mo 20th 1884

Which is satisfactory and accepted by the Meeting and the recommendations therein named are adopted thereby, and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their proportion of the same to James Dennis whom we appoint as Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year

The allotted proportion of the London General Epistle for 1884 for this Meeting has been received, apportioned, and sent down to the several Monthly Meetings

Our beloved friend Stephen Cutland attended this Meeting, and presented a Minute from Durham Mo Meeting of Friends held at Lewiston 9 mo 16 1884. Expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his prospect as therein presented, His company and Gospel labors have been satisfactory and acceptable to us, and the Clerks are directed to sign a Minute embodying the above on our behalf

Our beloved friend Charlotte D Holmes returned at this time the minute granted her by Providence Mo Meeting, and endorsed by this Meeting in 8 Mo last, to attend the sittings of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and attend to some service as required from her within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, with the information that the same had been accomplished, and that she had again been permitted to return safely to her home in health. and that all the Praise belongeth unto the Lord, She also presented returning Minutes from Ohio Yr Meeting, held at Damascus, 8 mo 28 1884 and Rochester Mo Meeting of Friends held at Rochester the 26 of 9 mo 1884. each expressing that her company and Gospel services was acceptable to them. She also informed that returning Minutes from some of the Meetings which she attended had not come to hand. All of which is satisfactory to us

The London General Printed Epistle for 1884 has been read at this time, much to our Comfort and Encouragement, and again bringing to our Minds, that although we are brethren widely seperated, that the Cause of Truth is the same wherever the Church of God is found, And we were again thereby reminded that all our Services whether Silent or Vocal, should be performed under the guidance of the blessed Holy Spirit, and acknowledge our humble dependence upon Him who has promised to lead and guide all those who put their trust in Him

"Having again been permitted to meet and transact the business of the Church, which has claimed our attention at this time to a Satisfactory Conclusion, we seperate purposing to meet at the usual time in the 2nd mo at Providence should the priviledge again be granted us by a Merciful Heavenly Father

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Second Month 1885

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2nd mo 5th 1885. We are informed by the accounts from all the Monthly Meetings that the following named friends were appointed by these respectively to attend this Meeting as representatives viz from

Rhode Island Stephen Chace and Chas E Boyd
Greenwich Charles D Kenyon and Abel C Kenyon
Swansea Daniel Chace & Daniel P Shove
Albert R Macomber Henry C Aydolott & S R Buffinton
Providence Thomas Harkness, Thos J Battey and Joseph L Holmes
South Kingstown Robert Browning and William H Perry

who are present except one

Thomas Harkness on behalf of the Representatives to this Meeting informs that a portion of their number had conferred together, and were united in proposing the names of Saml R Buffinton for Clerk, and Chas W Earle for assistant Clerk, whose names being seperately considered, are united with by this Meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year

Rhode Island and Providence Monthly Meetings inform in their accounts that their proportion of this Meetings Stock called for in 11 mo last has been paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting, and Greenwich & Swansea also inform ________ in their accounts that they have directed the payment of the same -

The Treasurer of this Meeting also informs that South Kingstown Mo Meetings proportion of said Stock has been paid -

The Queries have all been read with Answers to the usual number answered at this time from all the Mo Meetings

South Kingstown Mo Meeting in their account inform that they are united in asking the Quarterly Meeting to grant that Meeting the priviledge of holding the Monthly Meeting now held at Westerly in the 12th 1st 2d & 3d months, at Hopkinton in those months instead of at Westerly for the reasons set forth therein Which request claiming our consideration is united with by this and the Womens Meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish South Kingstown Mo Meeting with the Action of this Meeting on said request

Our beloved friend William O Newhall attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory minute from Salem Mo Meeting of

Friends held 10 Mo 9th 1884 expressing Unity with him as a Minister of the Gospel, and with his prospect as therein set forth. His company and Gospel service has been satisfactory and acceptable to us, and the Clerks are directed to furnish our friend with a copy of the minute made on his behalf.

The subject of Temperance claiming our attention at this time, it is concluded to present to the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island now in session, the expression of this Meeting upon the subject of the Manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, as set forth in the following petition, with which this and our Womens Meeting is united, viz

To the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

This Meeting is united in respectfully presenting our earnest petition, that the Legislature at its present session, take action in favor of a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the Manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage

And the Clerks are directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting and our friends Saml Austin and Robert P Gifford are appointed a committee to have the care of the same and present it at a proper time to the said General Assembly —

We appoint our friends Robert P Gifford and Herbert A Skinner, a committee to make such arrangements, as in their judgement may be proper, with the different Rail Roads and Steamboat Company's for the conveyance of friends to and from the different Quarterly Meetings, at a reduction from the regular fares, and report their doings at our next Meeting. The business which has Claimed our attention at this time being Concluded in much harmony and love We separate purposing to meet at the usual time at East Greenwich in 5th month next Provided the Lord again permit

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

Fifth Month 1885

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 7th 1885

We are informed by the accounts received from all the Monthly Meetings that the following named friends were by them appointed to attend this Meeting as their representatives viz

From Rhode Island Charles E Boyd, Stephen Chace and Jos. E Macomber
" Greenwich Chas. D Kenyon and John Godfrey
" Swansea Benjamin A Chace, Charles A Chace Darius Buffinton & Saml R Buffinton
" Providence Thomas Harkness Robert P Gifford and Augustine Jones
" South Kingstown Geo. S. Gould Robert Browning and William H Perry

Who are all present

The Queries have all been read at this time, with answers to each from all the Monthly Meetings, from which a Summary has been approved, and adopted by this Meeting, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting, next to be held at Portland Maine in 6mo next with other extracts from our Minutes by our friends Thomas P Buffum. Joseph E Macomber, Joseph S Anthony Benjamin F Knowles, Anthony M Kimber William H Perry, Henry C Aydelott

Augustine Jones, Charles A Chace, Charles O Kenyon, Saml R Buffinton, Robert P Gifford and James R Collins, whom we appoint as our Representatives thereto.

Our beloved friend Addison White attended this Meeting, and presented a Minute from Lynngrove Mo Meeting of Friends held 2 mo 7th [illegible] Endorsed by Lynngrove Quarterly Meeting held 2 mo 14 1885, Expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his extended prospect as set forth therein. His Company and religious services in this Meeting, and in our Families as far as as visited have been acceptable to us.

We have also in attendance at this Meeting our friend Eliza H White wife of Addison White, who produced a Minute from Lynngrove Mo Mtg of Friends held 3 mo 6th 1885 Expressing unity with her in her prospect as therein set forth to accompany her husband in his proposed prospect.

Her company has been acceptable to us, and the Clerks are requested to sign Minutes made on behalf of our friends incorporating the substance of the above minutes

The following amounts are reported to this Meeting as having been raised in the different Monthly Meetings during the past year in aid of the Syrian Mission, in conformity with the recommendation of the last Yearly Meeting thereon viz Rhode Island $50 Greenwich $5 - Swansea $46 25/100 Providence $145 - and South Kingstown $3. - Total $249.25 which amount has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Mission Fund.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in their accounts inform that Cynthia Bowen a member and Minister died 10 mo 13th 1884 aged 69 Years and William Sherman an Elder and Member died 2 Mo 16th 1885 aged 83 Years 3 mos and 11 days

Swansea Monthly Meeting inform that they have united with the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in adding to the membership of that Meeting our Friend Hiram Buffinton, which is also united with by this and the Womens Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the required information in accordance with discipline

The following statistical information has been received from the different Monthly Meetings together with the whole number of members constituting the same 3 mo 1st 1885 viz

	Births	Deaths	Removals into	Removals out of	Admitted by Request	Released or Disowned	Erroneously Reported before	Total Number of Members 3 mo 1st 1885
Rhode Island	3.	5	0	1	1	0		141
Greenwich	1	2	0	0	0	0		62
Swansea	0	1	1	1	7	0		210
Providence	1	6	4	0	1	1	1	225
South Kingstown	0	1	0	2	0	0		81
Tottals	5	15	5	4	9	1	1	719

Total Membership 3 mo 1st 1884 721
3 " 1st 1885 719

Which shows during the past year a decrease of 2 in our membership

An Abstract of which is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting —

All the Monthly Meetings inform that their proportions of this Meetings Stock called for in 11 mo last has been paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting, and our Treasurer also informs the Meeting that our proportion of Yearly Meetings Stock has been paid to its Treasurer in accordance with minute of that Meeting relating to the time of said payment

Robert P Gifford on behalf of the Committee appointed to present to the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, the expression of this Meeting upon the subject of the

Manufacture and Sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, informed the Meeting that they attended to their appointment, and that the Matter was received favorably by that body.

There has been received by the Clerk of this Meeting, our quota of the Printed Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, and the London General printed Epistle for 1884, with the Boarding School Committees Report, and Slips containing the Changes and additions to our Book of Discipline, all of which has been apportioned and sent down to the several Monthly Meetings in their respective proportions.

This Meeting has concluded to ask the Yearly Meeting to define and Construe the language of the Discipline relating to the Revision of, and the time for which "Other Suitable friends" (Except Ministers and Elders) are appointed as Members of "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight" as found on the 14th and 15 lines from the top of the page commencing with the words "and the list and ending with the words "two years" in the paragraph of the Discipline headed "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight" in order that the said Clause may be better understood and that a uniform practice may be adopted in all the Monthly Meetings in this matter.

The business which has claimed our attention being satisfactorily concluded we seperate Adjourning to meet at the usual at Newport in 8th Mo next should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Summary of the Answers

1st

All our Meetings for Religious Worship and discipline have been regularly held except 3 Small Meetings

First day Morning Meetings generally attended by most friends. At all other Meetings the attendance is small. With little exception the hour is observed and unbecoming behaviour avoided

2d

Love and Unity nearly maintained except in one Monthly Meeting. We believe friends endeavor to guard against detraction and to end differences when they appear

3d

Friends have a care to maintain a religious life and conversation, and those who have Children or others under their care endeavor to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession with little exception in 2 Monthly Meetings.

4th

We believe friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures as queried after, encouraging their Children and others in this important duty, and generally maintain our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry

5th

We know of no violation of our discipline in the use of intoxicating liquors except one under notice. Improper Amusements and diversions are generally avoided, and Moderation in all things nearly observed

6th

The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved care is taken to Educate their Children

7th

We know of no violation of our testimonies in regard to the several particulars of this Query except in one Monthly Meeting in regard to oaths

8th We believe Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts, that they are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, with little exception in one Monthly Meeting, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th
Recording is attended to with little exception in one Monthly Meeting. A few removals without Certificates Some care taken

10th
We believe Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to be held at Portland Maine

Dear Friends

The Queries have all been read at this time, with answers to each from all the Monthly Meetings from which a Summary has been approved and adopted by this Meeting, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting to be held at Portland Maine in 6 mo next, with other extracts from our Minutes by our Friends Thomas P Buffum Joseph E Macomber. Joseph S Anthony Benjamin F Knowles Anthony M Kimber William H Perry. Henry C Aydelott Augustine Jones. Charles A Chace Charles D Kenyon Saml R Buffinton. Robert P Gifford and James R Collins. Whom we appoint as our representatives

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs that Cynthia Bowen a Minister and Member of that Meeting died 10 mo 13th 1884 aged 69 years and that William Sherman an Elder and Member of that Meeting died 2d mo 16th 1885 aged 83 years 2 mos and 11 days.

This Meeting has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, in discontinuing the Monthly Meeting heretofore held at Westerly in the 1st 2d 3d and 12th Months and the same to be held in those months at Hopkinton in the future. And with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of One Friend as a member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight during the past year.

The following Statistical information with the whole number of Members constituting the Membership of this Meeting 3 mo 1st 1885 has been furnished from the several Monthly Meetings, and is as follows viz

Additions by Births during the past year	5
Do " Requests " " " "	9
Do " Certificates " " " "	5
Total Additions	19
Deduct for	
Removals by death in same time	15
Do by Certificate " "	4
Released or Disowned " "	1
Deduct for Number Erroneously reported last year	1
Total deductions	21

Whole Number of Members 3 mo 1st 1884.	721
Additions the past year as above	19
Making a total of	740
from which deduct for different causes as reported above	21
showing the total membership 3 mo 1st 1885 to be	719

a decrease of two (2) during the past year.

All our Monthly Meetings report that Committees were appointed by them in accordance with the direction of the last Yearly Meeting to assist in raising the necessary funds to carry on our "Mission Work" upon "Allowment Labour" during the past year. The also

report

that the sum of Two hundred & forty nine & 25/100 ($249.25) dollars has been raised by them for that object, and forwarded to the Treasurer of the "Mission Fund"

Our Treasurer informs that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock was paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting, in pursuance with the Minute of last year viz, that the same be paid on or before the first of 5th month 1885.

Our proportion of the printed Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, the London General printed Epistle for 1884, the Boarding School Committees report, and the Slips containing the Changes and additions made in our Book of Discipline were all received by this Meeting, and were forwarded to the several Monthly Meeting in there respective proportions.

This Meeting has concluded to ask the Yearly Meeting to define and construe the language of the Discipline relating to the revision of and the time for which "Other suitable friends" (except Ministers and Elders) are appointed as members of Meetings on "Ministry and Oversight", as found in the 14th and 15th line from the top of the page commencing with the words "and the list", and ending with the words "two years" in the paragraph of the Discipline headed "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight" in order that the said clause may be better understood, and that a uniform practice may be adopted in all the Monthly Meetings in this matter

Taken from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, by direction of said Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 7th 1885

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

Eighth Month 1885

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th Mo 6th 1885
The accounts being received from all the Monthly Meetings, this Meeting is informed that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting viz

From Rhode Island William Weaver and Stephen Watson
" Greenwich Abel C Kenyon & Charles D Kenyon
" Swansea Stephen Weaver & Obadiah Chace
" Providence Thomas Hawkins, Robert P Gifford & Daniel Meader
" South Kingstown James R Collins & William H Perry

whose names being called were all present. The names of the Representatives to the late Yearly Meeting being called, the Meeting was informed that they all attended except three.

The Queries have all been read at this time with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of the Monthly Meetings.

The following minute from the late Yearly Meeting relative to Stock was received and read at this time and is as follows viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
At the Yearly Meeting for New England, held at Portland Maine in the Sixth Month 1885

It was concluded to raise for

the use of the Meeting the ensuing year the sum of Four thousand (4000) dollars which sum our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to Geo Howland Junr our Treasurer on or before the 1st of Fifth Month next.

The Quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting 23%. $920.00.

On behalf of the Meeting Wm C Newhall
Clerk

Whereupon we appoint our friends Thomas Harkness Anthony McKimber and Benjn F Knowles a Committee to audit the accounts of our Treasurer, name a sum necessary to be raised for the use of this Meeting the coming year, and present the name of a friend to serve as Treasurer of the same for the ensuing year, and report to this Meeting in 11 Mo next.

dditional Also the following information and minute from the Yearly Meeting, addressed to this Meeting has been received and read at this time viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Portland Maine in the Sixth Month 1885

The request from your Meeting was definitely acted upon by this Meeting, and the Conclusion arrived at, will be found on printed Slips furnished your Clerk, which are directed to be placed in your books of Discipline, under the head of "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight"

* And the Slips referred to above containing the amendment to our Book of Discipline touching Matters pertaining to the Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, have been received, and are hereby directed to be placed in the Books of Discipline.

See page 178 for rest of this minute

belonging to this Meeting as directed by the fore going Minute and is as follows viz

* Next page

The following amendments to the Discipline should be inserted under the head of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight. In the fifteenth line, after the words "two years" add "And their term of service shall expire by limitation in two years unless they are reappointed," so the paragraph shall read, "The names of these are to be brought forward as in the case of the appointment of Elders, and the list shall be revised at least once in two years, and their term of service shall expire by limitation in two years unless they are reappointed."

Also insert the words following:—"Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, except Ministers and Elders, cease to be members of that Meeting upon their removal from the Quarterly Meeting in which they were appointed." 1885.

6 mo 1885

A Minute of advice to our Subordinate Meetings has also been printed and placed in the hands of the Clerks of our Quarterly Meetings to be distributed among their several Meetings, and is as follows Viz

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, in the Sixth Month, 1885, the following Minute was directed to our Subordinate Meetings:

"The Meeting was brought under an earnest concern that the Spirituality of the Gospel and its advocacy by Ministers and others, shall be maintained inviolate. We desire to protect our membership from all influences which are not in accordance with the clear testimony of our Religious Society and the teaching of the New Testament. We believe in the Spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom, and that all outward ceremonies have been fulfilled and ended in Christ. This Meeting records its judgment for the guidance of its Subordinate Meetings, that those holding or teaching a contrary doctrine cannot be received as acceptable Ministers of the Society of Friends, within our limits."

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting.

WM. O. NEWHALL, } *Clerks.*
ANNA G. WOOD,

Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint as heretofore Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the Mission work on Mount Lebanon Syria.

In the Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs was the request "that the treasury of the Committee be replenished by efforts to be made in all the Monthly Meetings, which was approved by the Meeting, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to take such action in relation to the above requests as shall secure the desired results. Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm C Keohall
Clerk

* And a sufficient number of the said Slips have also been received and forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings with the desired request that the same be placed in the Books of Discipline used in said Meetings.

The Minute of the Yearly Meeting addressed to Subordinate Meetings. One of which has been read in this Meeting at this time, has also been received, and sent down to our Subordinate Meetings respectively.

Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees as heretofore to assist in raising the necessary additional funds for carrying on the Mission Work upon Mount Lebanon Syria.

And the request from the Committee of the Yearly Meeting on "Indian Affairs," meeting the approval of this Meeting, our Monthly Meetings, are requested, to give this worthy concern of the Yearly Meeting, their sympathy and hearty support, and aid the same by such contributions from among their members as they may feel to contribute in aid of said object. and any contributions that may be received within their respective limits, for said concern, they are requested to forward to Anthony M Kimber Treasurer of said Committee

REPORT

OF THE

PROVIDENCE

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIXTH MONTH, 1885.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School present their Sixty-sixth Annual Report.

Although from a combination of circumstances, the whole number of scholars in attendance, especially in the latter part of the year, has been less than in some previous years, and of them a greater proportion than usual has been of the younger class, yet we feel that the character of the School has been maintained, and that good progress has been made.

An earnest religious feeling continues to be manifested in the boys' and girls' prayer meetings. In the former, a very satisfactory change is evidenced both by the testimony of the lip and of the life.

The health of the school has been remarkably good throughout the year. The average number of boarding pupils for the year has been 88 boys and 85 girls.

The following report from the auditors presents the financial statement for the year ending Sixth Month 24th, 1884.

PROVIDENCE, *Eighth Month 27th, 1884.*

To the N. E. Y. M. Boarding School Committee: — The Auditors report the following as the result of the operations of the past year:

RECEIPTS.

From the Elizabeth Fry Fund	$1,500 00	
From the Philip J. Tripp Fund	89 15	
From board and tuition of all other scholars	38,822 75	
From study of languages, etc.	3,564 67	
From the Treasurer of the School Fund	5,853 84	
		$49,830 41

EXPENSES.

Salaries,	$20,832 83;	Wages	$5,982 29	$26,815 12	
Provisions	12,323 12;	City Tax	2.665 10	14,988 22	
Repairs	2,420 57;	Fuel	1,922 24	4,342 81	
Light	1,189 78;	Water	393 74	1.583 52	
Balance of Laundry				338 28	
Other permanent improvements				284 89	
Papers and periodicals				58 30	
Library				115 63	
Carpentering department				116 34	
Interest				24 42	
Incidentals				963 03	
Net profit to the school				199 85	
					$49,830 41

The total deficiency of the School is now $1349.72 against $1549.57 a year ago.

John F. Tucker,
James O. Inman,
Sam'l R. Buffinton,
J. H. Chace,
Auditors.

The officers of government and instruction have been

Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal and Political Science.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Governor and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
J. Myron Potter, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Benjamin W. Wells, Ph.D., Modern Languages.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
Wilmot R. Jones, A.B., Mental and Moral Science and English.
Jean E. Guilbert, French.
Charles G. Farwell, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Mary E. Wing, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Alice M. Jones, English Studies.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Lucy R. Weaver, M.D., Physiology.
George A. Barton, A.B., Secretary and Book-keeper.
S. Helena Sutton, Librarian.

At the meeting of the Committee in Eighth Month the following minute was made: — "The question of admitting day scholars to the School having been introduced, the subject was freely discussed, and resulted in authorizing the Principal to admit such students as, in his discretion, he may judge suitable."

During the year 14 boys and 9 girls have been admitted as day scholars, and, as far as we have learned, the privilege has been appreciated, with good results to those who have been admitted and to the School.

By reference to the new catalogue, it will be seen that a change of the time of opening the School in Ninth Month, from the first Fourth-day to the second Fourth-day in the month has been established by direction of the Committee.

In Second Month the Committee on Sale of Land reported that they had made sale of a house and lot of land to the occupant, for whom it was built, at a satisfactory price; the Committee was directed to place the net proceeds of the sale in the hands of the Treasurer of the School Fund, to be held by him, subject to the order of the Building Committee, which Committee is authorized to build additional houses, whenever in their discretion it is expedient to do so.

In Eighth Month we were informed by our Principal that he had received from an esteemed friend of the School the sum of $500, with which to secure a bust of Elizabeth Fry, of the same quality as that of John Bright, and that further sums would come later to complete the work.

At our meeting Third Month 3d, we were further informed that a pedestal of beautiful Tennessee marble, upon which to place the bust, had already arrived. It was confidently expected that the whole would have been complete by this time, the pedestal and bust occupying the corner of Alumni Hall opposite that of John Bright; but although, as we understand, finished, the bust has been detained in London, and is not expected to reach us until some time in Eighth Month next. By the time of the opening of the School in Ninth Month it will undoubtedly be arranged, and the unveiling made an occasion of much interest to all concerned.

In fulfilment of the intimation in last year's report, the School has, by a munificent gift from an honored member of the Committee, been made the recipient of an almost full length portrait of our beloved friend, John G. Whittier; at our meeting in the Eleventh Month the following minute, relating thereto, was entered upon our records:

"The great historic event referred to in the communication from the Principal, that of placing in Alumni Hall, by Charles F. Coffin, an almost full length portrait of John G. Whittier, was one of much interest and gratification, as was evinced by the large gathering convened in the Hall in the forenoon of the day of its presentation (Tenth Month 24th) to listen to the fitting and eloquent address of Thomas Chase, LL.D., President of Haverford College, and again in the afternoon to hear the address of Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal of the School, on its reception, and also to the remarks of many of the friends of the Poet, and of the School; and further, to hear read many letters from friends who were unable to attend.

We cordially tender to our friend and associate Charles F. Coffin, our high appreciation of, and our sincere thanks for, his rich gift to the School of this admirable portrait of our universally beloved and honored friend."

It hangs in Alumni Hall, between the busts of John Bright and of Elizabeth Fry (as proposed), where, in the words of a distinguished son of Massachusetts (in his grateful acknowledgement of the kind invitation to be present, but regretting his inability to meet with the other invited guests on the interesting occasion), "it will have a companionship as enviable as it will be appropriate. Eloquence, poetry and philanthropy will form an inspiring group for your scholars to have before their eyes, and may lead them to emulate what they admire."

We propose that the rates for admission to the School the coming year be the same as for the last year, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$150 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	250 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge to be made, for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, ten dollars; for one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing, fifteen dollars: for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing and Painting, thirty dollars.

With hearts overflowing with gratitude to our Father in Heaven for the many mercies vouchsafed, we again commend the Institution, with all its interests, to His paternal regard, and to your fostering care.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jun., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, R. I., Sixth Month 2d, 1885.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 9th, 1885, and closes Second Month 3d, 1886. The Spring Term begins Second Month 3d, 1886, and closes Sixth Month 29th, 1886.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 4th of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

and the Amount of such Contributions raised in our Monthly Meetings, in aid of either the above named Concerns of the Yearly Meeting are directed to be forwarded, in their Accounts to this Meeting in 5th month of next year

The Report of the Committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence for the past Year, being received has been read at this time and is as follows viz

We reappoint our friends Robert P Gifford and Samuel Austin, with the addition of our friend Augustine Jones at this time. a Committee of this Meeting to present to the Rhode Island Legislature as way may open for it. such further expression of this Meeting, touching the Manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, as in their judgment would be expedient with our views upon the subject, and report their doings thereon at a future Meeting

There has been received by the Clerk of this Meeting, 320 Copies of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting and the usual number of the Boarding School Committees Report for the use of this and each of our Monthly Meetings both of which have been apportioned and sent down to the said Meetings in their respective proportions

The business of the Meeting claiming our attention at this time having satisfactorily concluded we separate purposing to meet at the usual time at Fall River in the 11 mo next should the Lord permit.

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Eleventh Month 1885

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 Mo 5th 1885

By the accounts received from all the Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends were appointed by them as representatives to this Meeting viz

From Rhode Island Stephen A Watson
Anthony M Kimber & Stephen Chace
Greenwich Charles W. Earle & Abel C. Kenyon
Swansea Obadiah Chace Henry C Aydelott
& Joseph Estes
Providence Thomas Harkness Robert Clifford
& David Meader
South Kingstown William H Perry and James
R Collins

Who are all present except two for the absence of One a Reason was given

The Queries have all been read with the answers from the several Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th

The committee of this Meeting to examine and settle the Treasurer's Account and for other purposes presented the following Report viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The committee on the Treasury Report they have examined and settled the Account, Balance on hand Thirty Six dollars & 50 cents, And they propose that Nine hundred dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting, and James Dennis for Treasurer

Thomas Harkness
A M Kimber
10 mo 13th 1885 For the Committee

over

which being satisfactory, it is accepted and the recommendations therein proposed are adopted by this Meeting, and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of said sum $900 to James Dennis whom we appoint as Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

Swansea Monthly Meeting in their Accounts inform that they were united in releasing upon his own request Charles A Chace from the Station of Elder which action is united with by this and the Womens Meetings

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting by their Accounts also inform that they were united in the appointment of Mary S. Collins and Elizabeth N. Perry to the Station of Elder which being united with by this and the Womens Meeting they are accordingly appointed to that Station, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information in both cases in accordance with the facts and with discipline

Our beloved friend Caroline E. Talbot a Minister of the Gospel attended this Meeting and produced a Minute from the Mo Meeting of Friends at Short Creek and Endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting of Friends Ohio, each expressing unity with her as a Minister, and with her prospect as expressed in the said Minutes "Her company and religious services have been truly acceptable and comforting and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the Minute that may be made for her by the Womens Meeting

On account of the repeated deficiencies reported to this Meeting in the answers to the Queries from Rhode Island Monthly

Meeting, it is concluded by this Meeting with the Concurrence of Womens Meeting to appoint a joint Committee of Men and Women friends to visit said Monthly Meeting and members composing it, and advise with them as way may open for it, for the restoring of Love and Unity, and the proper administration of the Discipline among them

Whereupon we appoint Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles A Chace, Saml R Buffinton, James Dennis and Robert P. Gifford on the part of this Meeting to unite with such as may be appointed by the Womens Meeting for that service, and they are requested to report at a future Meeting

The proportion of the London Printed Epistle for 1885, assigned for this Meeting has been received apportioned and sent down to the several Monthly Meetings in proportion to their several memberships, the reading of which is deferred at this time to a future Meeting

The business of this Meeting which has claimed our attention and consideration at this time being concluded we separate purposing to meet at the usual time in Second Month next at Providence Should the Lord permit

Samuel R Buffinton
Clerk

Second Month 1886

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2nd mo 4th 1886. The accounts from the several Monthly Meetings being received we are by them informed that the following named friends were appointed as their Representatives to this Meeting viz

From Rhode Island Joseph S Anthony and John S Kimber
" Greenwich Abel C Kenyon and Charles D Kenyon
" Swansea Davis Buffinton, Daniel Chace Saml R Buffinton, Hiram Buffinton, Lemuel Chace and Geo. Mahlon Chace
From Providence Thomas Harkness Robert P Gifford and Joseph L Holmes
So. Kingstown John Babcock and Samuel R Collins

who are all present except four for the absence of which satisfactory reasons were assigned

Thomas Harkness on behalf of the Representatives to this Meeting informs that they had conferred together upon the subject of Clerks, and they were united in proposing the name of Saml R Buffinton for Clerk and Charles M Eagle for assistant Clerk, which nominations being separately considered are united with by this Meeting And they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year

The Queries have all been read at this time, with Answers from each Monthly Meeting to the 1st 2nd + 10th

Providence Mo Meeting by their accounts inform that they are united, in the appointment of Benjamin F Knowles to the Station of Elder with which appointment this and the Womens Meeting unites, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the usual information in such cases

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting by their accounts inform that they are United in asking the consent of the Quarterly Meeting to dispose of the building at Western formerly used as a Friends Meeting House, and the Sheds belonging thereto, and which from their advanced age have become unsuitable for the said purpose, the Meeting House it being said has been built over 125 years,

Which request claiming the consideration of this Meeting, is united with hereby, having the concurrence of the Womens Meeting therein, and they are authorized to dispose of the property as may seem proper to that Meeting.

Our beloved friend Emeline H Tuttle attended this Meeting, and presented satisfactory Credentials from Dover Mo Meeting of Friends, expressing Unity with her as a Minister, and with her prospect as therein set forth Her company and services have been acceptable to this Meeting

Jane G. Fisher attended this Meeting and produced satisfactory testimonials from Dartmouth Mo Meeting expressing Unity with her as a Minister, and with her proposed religious prospect, Her company and services have acceptable to us.

We also have the company of our friend Emma J Gatchell, who produced a minute from Durham Monthly Meeting, expressing Unity with her as a Member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and with their concurrence as companion to our friend Jane G. Fisher, her company and services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign the minutes that may be made in the Womens Meeting on behalf of our Women friends now in attendance at this Meeting.

The following information has been received from the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight viz

Rhode Island Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight having twice omitted to send representatives, or to render any account to our Meeting, it was deemed best to lay this information before the Quarterly Meeting for its consideration and action in the Matter.

From the Minutes of R. I. Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. held at Providence 2d Mo 3d 1886

Chas. W. Earle Clerk

Which information after claiming the attention and consideration of this Meeting it was concluded to refer the subject as therein set forth to the Committee now under appointment from this Meeting to visit Rhode Island Mo. Meeting and members constituting it.

The London General Epistle for 1885 has been read, and the many words of encouragement and counsel contained therein, have been, not only rightly appreciated but comforting to us at this time.

Greenwich and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings inform that their Treasurers have been directed to pay their proportion of this Meetings stock called for in 11 Mo last.

"Having again been favored to transact the business of the Meeting which has claimed our attention at this time in much harmony we separate purposing to meet at the usual time in 5th mo next at East Greenwich should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 1886

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 6th 1886, We are informed by the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as representatives therefrom viz

From Rhode Island Thomas P Buffum and George M Chace
" Greenwich Charles D Kenyon Charles W Earle John R Godfrey & Arthur T Rucker
" Swansea Saml R Buffinton Darius Buffinton and Henry C Aydelott
" Providence James Dennis Robert P Gifford and Joseph L Holmes
" South Kingstown Thomas W Browning and William H Perry

whose names being called, they all responded thereto except 3, as present for the absence of 1 of which an excuse was rendered

The Queries having all been read at this time, with answers thereto from each Monthly Meeting, a Summary of the Answers has been adopted by this Meeting for the information of the ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Newport R I, which are directed to be forwarded thereto, with other extracts from our Minutes by our Friends Anthony M Kimber Charles A Chace Darius Buffinton Henry C Aydelott, Augustine Jones, Benjamin F Knowles, Robert P Gifford, George M Chace G. Mahlon Chace and Charles W Earle whom we appoint as the Representatives from this Meeting to attend the same

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in there accounts inform that Margaret Anthony a member and Elder of that Meeting died 1st Mo 29th 1885 aged 77 years 12 Mos and 23 days

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting also informs that Lois Perry a member and Elder of that meeting died 9th mo 3rd 1885 aged 89 years 2 months and 20 days

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting also by there Accounts inform this meeting that they were united in the appointment of Susan H Almy and Sarah Almy to the Station of Elders, and in the addition of Annie O. Card and Isaac J Macomber, as suitable persons as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

Swansea Monthly Meeting by their accounts inform that they were united in the appointment of Lemuel Chace to the Station of Elder, with which appointment from the several Mo Meetings this and the Womens meeting unites, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the usual information in conformity with the Discipline

The Committee appointed by this Meeting in 11 mo and 2d mo last to visit R. I. Monthly Meeting and members constituting the same, presented the following report. viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

The joint Committee appointed in 11 Mo. last to visit R. I. Mo Mtg. and members constituting it, for the better promotion of Love and Unity among them, and also in the 2d Mo for service on account of the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in said Mo Mtg.

Report

That we have given attention to our appointment and are able to inform the Q Meeting that the Object of our appointment, has been accomplished in Connection with the Meeting on Ministry and Over-sight and that, that Meeting has been held, and the usual accounts, with a proper representation from said Meeting, sent to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and deem farther service in that account unnecessary but would recommend that farther care be extended towards the concern of the original appointment.

On behalf of the Committee

Saml K Pufferton
Esther Chace

East Greenwich 5 Mo 6th 1886

Which report is satisfactory to and united with by this and the Womens Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment are continued for farther service, on account of the concern of this Meeting as per Minute thereof of 11 mo last.

The following Statistical Information, with the whole Number of Members constituting the membership of the different Monthly Meetings, within the limits of this Meeting 3 mo 1st 1886, have been received and is follows Viz

	Births	Deaths	Removals into	Removals out of	Admitted by Request	Released or Disowned	Erroneously Reported before	Total Number of Members 3 Mo 1st 1886
Rhode Island	None	6	None	1	3	3	None	134
Greenwich	1	None	None	None	1	None	None	64
Swansea	None	4	None	3	51	3	None	251
Providence	1	2	1	None	1	None	None	226
South Kingstown	None	1	None	None	5	1	None	84
Totals	2	13	1	4	61	7	None	759

A total Membership	3 Mo 1st 1886 of	759
do do	3 Mo 1st 1885.	719

Showing an increase in our Membership of 40 members during the past year, and abstract of which is directed to be forwarded to the Yr Meeting

The following Amounts are reported to this Meeting as having been collected in the Mo Meetings named, during the past year in aid of Foreign Mission work upon Mount Lebanon in accordance with minutes of the Yr Meeting and this Meeting thereon Viz

Rhode Island Mo Meeting	50.00
Greenwich " "	5.00
Swansea " "	22.50
Providence " "	150.00
Total	$227.50

Which Amounts have been paid or directed to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Committee. There has also been raised within the limits of the following Monthly Meetings the sum of $12 50/100 In aid of the Western Indians in accordance with the direction of this Meeting and the request of the Indian Committee of the Yr Meeting Viz

From Rhode Island Mo Meeting	2.50
" Swansea "	10.00
Total	$12.50

Which Amount has been forwarded to Treasurer of the Indian Committee. The Committee of this Meeting to present the concern thereof to the Rhode Island Legislature, in relation to the Manufacture and Sale of Spirituous liquors presented the following Report Viz

To the Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed in the 2d Mo. 1885 (And since Continued) to present to the General Assembly of R. Island our views in favor of a proposed Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the Manufacture & Sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage Report. That they have several times appeared before a committee of the Legislature and endeavored to promote the object in view These were occasions of much interest, In one gratified to witness the increased interest and a gradual advance in the Community in relation to the important subject of Temperance and to have met at these Legislative hearings, many earnest men and women whose persevering efforts in this direction have, so far been crowned with success

It is well known the required concurrence of two successive Legislatures, ratified by a three fifths vote of the people of the State, has secured a satisfactory Amendment to the State Constitution which we have reason to believe will be followed by the requisite enactments and we trust, by their wise and faithful execution.

Gratefully recognizing the Lord's works and blessing hitherto, we can but believe that as Friends in their several spheres of influence continue to seek the wisdom which is first pure then peaceable we may individually and as a Religious Society be made instrumental in promoting the cause of humanity and of good government. For the Committee

Saml Austin
Robt P Gifford

East Greenwich 5th mo 6th 1886

Which report is very satisfactory and acceptable to this Meeting, and feeling that the object of said appointment has been accomplished, the Committee is therefore released from further service thereon

The business of the Meeting which has claimed our attention at this time being concluded we separate purposing to meet again in the 8 mo at Newport at the usual time if the Lord should permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Summary of the Answers for the Yr. Meeting

Ans 1st

All our Meetings for religious Worship and discipline have been regularly held Except 22 principally in one Small Meeting First day Morning Meetings generally attended by most Friends at all other Meetings the Attendance is small. The hour observed and unbecoming behavior avoided, with little Exception in two Meetings

Ans 2d Love and Unity maintained with little Exception in three Meetings. Detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear

Ans 3d Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and for the most part, Endeavor to train the Children in accordance with our Christian profession

Ans 4th We believe most Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families Encouraging their Children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry maintained with little Exception

Ans 5th The use of intoxicating liquors are avoided with two exceptions in one Meeting. Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character (with few Exceptions) and to observe true Moderation in all things

Ans 6th The circumstances of the poor and the Education of their Children are attended to.

Ans. 7th. As far as appears Friends are Clear in our testimony as to Military Matters and public Revenue

Ans 8th Careful in the several parts of this query (with little exception)

Ans 9th. Friends are careful as to records Several removals without certificates Some care taken

Ans 10th. We believe the discipline is administered in Christian tenderness, not so timely as would be best, but impartialy,

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to be held at Newport R I

Dear Friends

The Queries have all been read at this time, with Answers thereto from each Monthly Meeting, And a Summary adopted, therefrom for the information of the Ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Newport R. I, and directed to be forwarded thereto with other Extracts from our Minutes by our friends Anthony M Kimber, Charles A Chace Darius Buffinton, Henry C Aydelott, Augustus Jones Benjamin F Knowles, Robert P. Gifford, George M Chace Thomas Harkness Charles H Earle and J Mahlon Chace: whom we appoint as the representatives from this Meeting to attend the same

This Meeting has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Susan H Almy and Sarah Almy to the Station of Elder, And the addition of two friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, And with Swansea Mo Meeting in the appointment of

Lemuel Chace to the Station of Elder And it has also united with the same Mo Meeting in releasing (upon his own request) Charles A Chace from the Station of Elder, With Providence Mo Meeting in the appointment of Benjamin F Knowles to the Station of Elder, and with South Kingstown Mo Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth A Perry and Mary S Collins to the same Station

Margaret Anthony a member and Elder of Rhode Island Mo Meeting died 10 mo 29th 1885 aged 77 years 2 Mos and 23 days

Lois Perry a Member and Elder of South Kingstown Mo Meeting died 9 mo 3d 1885 aged 89 years 2 mos and 20 days

The following Statistical information with the whole number of members constituting the membership of this Meeting 3 mo 1st 1886, has been furnished by the several Mo Meetings and is as follows viz

Additions by Births since 3/1/85		2
" " Requests		61
" " Certificate		1
Total additions		64
from which deduct for		
Removals by death	13	
" " Certificate	4	
Released or Disowned	7	
Total deductions	24	
Whole number of members 3 mo 1-1885		719
Additions since as above		64
Total		783
from which deduct different causes as above		24
and we have a total membership 3/1/86 of		759

an increase of 40 members during the past year

There has been Collected within the limits of four of the Monthly Meetings, in accordance with the minute of the Yearly Meeting, in aid of the Foreign Mission work upon Mount Lebanon the Sum of $227.50/00 and that amount has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Mission Committee, and in aid of the Western Indians within the limits of two Mo Mtgs the Sum of $12 & 50/00 in accordance with the request of that Committee and the direction of this Meeting and that amount has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Indian Committee

Our Treasurer informs that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting in accordance with the Minute of the Same, last year

Our proportion of the London General Printed Epistle for 1885. The Printed Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting the Boarding School Committees Report The Minute of the Yearly Meeting to Subordinates, and the Slips containing the amendment to the Discipline relating to members added to the Meeting on Ministry And Oversight, with an Essay issued by the Representative Meeting upon the Subject of Oaths have all been received apportioned and sent down to the Several Mo Meetings in there respective quotas, or furnished the Meetings as directed

Taken from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, by direction of said Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 6th 1886

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

Eighth Month 1886

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 Mo 5th 1886. the accounts from the several Mo Meetings being received we are thereby informed that the following named friends were appointed to Attend this Meeting as Representatives therefrom viz from
Rhode Island

Greenwich John S Kimber & George Anthony
Swansea — Charles W Earle and Abel C Kenyon
Providence Lemuel Chace. Saml K Buffinton & Charles A Chace
Saml Austin Thomas Hartness and Robert J Hanson
So Kingstown = William H Perry

whose names being called all responded thereto

The Queries have all been read with Answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from all the Monthly Meetings

The Representatives to the late Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

Received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting the following minute relative to Stock viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport R.I. Sixth Month 1886

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the coming Year the sum of Four Thousand ($4000) dollars; Which our several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay to George Howland Junr the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, in their usual proportions, on or before the first of Fifth Month next Rhode Island Quota 23 0/0 is $920.00

Wm O Newhall Clerk

Whereupon we appoint our friends Charles H Chace Benjamin F Knowles and Robert P Gifford a Committee to audit the Treasurers account name a sum necessary to be raised for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, and name a friend to serve as Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

Also the following has been received from the Yearly Meeting in Relation to Foreign Mission Work the coming year viz

By direction of the Meeting our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint committees, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the Foreign Mission work the coming year, and the contributions which may be made are desired to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Committee as early as the First Month next.

Wm. O. Newhall Clerk

And our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees as in the past, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds for carrying on the concern of the Yearly Meeting, and forward such sums as may be collected early in the first Month next to Timothy B Hussey Treasurer of said Committee

And the following has also been received from the same Meeting in Connection with the Work among the Indians viz

Monthly Meetings are also requested to appoint Committees to raise funds as last year, in aid of the Indian Committees Work. By direction of the Meeting Wm O Newhall Clerk

And our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to solicit funds to aid the committee in their work among the Indians

And by direction of the Yearly Meeting the following Communication has been received from the Clerk upon the subject of Education viz

Attention is directed to be called to

minute No 44 of the Printed Minutes of this year, in relation to the suggestion of the Committee on Education, in regard to Quarterly Meeting Conferences, and Statistics of Children of School age; in all the Meetings within the limits of your Quarterly Meeting, as will be seen by reference to the Reports of the Committee on Education in the Minutes aforesaid.

William J Newhall Clerk

Which subject after claiming the considera-tion of this Meeting, & the proposition being united with by this and the Womens Meeting, to appoint our friends Augustine Jones J. Sand Austin Robert P Gifford and John S Kimber, on the part of this Meeting to unite with such as may be appointed by the Womens Meeting who shall constitute a joint Committee of this Meeting, to Co-operate with the Committee of the Yearly Meeting, to render such assistance as may may offer for it towards the holding of Conferences upon the subject of Education within our limits, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to add to there Statistical information (which is now required to be made to 3 mo 1st of each year) the additional facts refered to on said minute in relation to the children within the limits of each Monthly Meeting, and report with the other Statistical information in 5th month next year.

Swansea Monthly Meeting by their accounts inform that they are united in adding the name of Anna Relhace as a suitable person to become a Member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight with which this and the womens Meeting unites, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the required information in accordance with the discipline.

Our beloved friend Jesse McPherson attended this Meeting and produced satisfactory credentials from Cane Creek Mo Meeting Endorsed by Western Qr Meeting of Friends No. Carolina, Expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his proposed Concern. His Company and services in the gospel have been satisfactory and acceptable to us

Our beloved friend John Pennington attended this Meeting and produced satisfactory testimonials from Spiceland Mo and Endorsed by Spiceland Quarterly Meeting of Friends Ind. His company and gospel labors have been, acceptable and satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Clerks are directed to furnish him and Jesse McPherson with copies of the minutes made on their account, and sign the same on our behalf.

The committee of this Meeting appointed to visit Rhode Island Monthly Meeting and its members, Report having given attention to their appointment.

There has been received through the usual channel 350 copies of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting, and a sufficient number of the Report of the committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence both of which have been apportioned and down to the Monthly Meetings.

Whilst it has been ours again to reverently acknowledge the continued mercies of our Heavenly Father in the past, we have not been unmindful that He has manifested himself unto us again, even at this time as we have met for His worship, and for the transaction of the affairs of the Church, as our hearts have been drawn to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, and to put our trust in Him. The business which has claimed our attention being satisfactorily concluded, we separate purposing to meet again in the 11th Month at the usual time at Fall River should the Lord permit. Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Eleventh Month 1886

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 Mo 4th 1886, the accounts were received from all the Monthly Meetings, and by which this Meeting is informed that the following named friends, were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as their Representatives viz

Rhode Island. Joseph S Anthony Anthony M. Kemiber & Elwood J Macomber

Greenwich Charles W. Earle and Charles D Kenyon

Swansea Samuel Chace, Saml R Buffinton Nathan Chace, Thomas G. Estes and Charles A Chace

Providence Augustine Jones. Thomas Harkness & Robert B Hasson

South Kingstown Francis W. Collins and Edward W. Collins. whose names being called are all present except two

The Queries have all been read with answers to the usual three from the several Monthly Meetings

The committee appointed in 8 mo last to audit the Treasurers accounts and for other purposes presented the accompanying report viz

Fall River 11 mo 4th 1886

To the Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed in 8th mo last in regard to the Treasurers account have conferred together The Treasurers account has been Examined and found correct, shewing a balance in his hands of Sixteen 50/100 Dollars ($1650)

We propose James Dennis for Treasurer

and that the Sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty ($950) Dollars be raised for the ensuing year
On behalf of the Committee
Robert P Gifford

Which is satisfactory and accepted by the Meeting, and the recommendations contained therein are also adopted, and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their proportion of the amount proposed to be raised by $950 to James Dennis, whom we appoint as our Treasurer for the ensuing year

Our beloved Friend Stephen Cartland attended this Meeting and produced satisfactory Credentials from Durham Monthly Meeting of Friends Maine Expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his proposed concern as Expressed therein. His Company and services in the Gospel have been acceptable to this Meeting, and the Clerks are directed to furnish him with a Copy of the Minute, and sign the same on our behalf

Greenwich Monthly Meeting by their Account inform this Meeting that they are united in the appointment of Mary E Kenyon to the Station of Elder with which this and the Women unites

Swansea Monthly Meeting by their account informs that it had by a large expression approved of adding as a suitable person, as a member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight Charles A Chace, which after claiming the consideration of this Meeting is united with, and he is accordingly added as a member thereof, the Womens meeting uniting therein, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the required information, in accordance with the Discipline in both cases

The following information has been received from the Clerk of the Representative Meeting, accompanied with a Minute issued at a Special Meeting of the Same, with directions that it be sent down to the subordinate Meetings viz

The following is a Minute of the Representative Meeting of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, at a Special Meeting of that body, held in Boston, Mass., Tenth Month, 16th, 1886, viz:

The Representative Meeting of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, recommends that our members maintain true and faithful loyalty to the said Yearly Meeting and its injunctions, more especially in relation to the matter contained in Minute No. 56 of the Minutes of 1885, which is as follows, viz:

> "We desire to protect our membership from all influences which are not in accordance with the clear testimony of our Religious Society and the teaching of the New Testament. We believe in the Spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom, and that all outward ceremonies have been fulfilled and ended in Christ. This Meeting records its judgment for the guidance of its Subordinate Meetings, that those holding or teaching a contrary doctrine cannot be received as acceptable Ministers of the Society of Friends, within our limits."

And the Representative Meeting authorizes and directs that Subordinate Meetings in said Yearly Meeting shall not receive the Certificates or issue Returning Minutes for Ministers or others in cases in which any doubt exists as to the unity of such persons with said Yearly Meeting or its instructions. And it further authorizes and directs the clerks and correspondents of such Subordinate Meetings to withhold their signatures from such Minutes, if issued or attempted to be issued.

The Meeting was brought under an earnest concern for the welfare of the Church in the present emergency. It was the desire of the Meeting to uphold all that is good, while it testifies clearly against anything that would compromise either the doctrine or established position of the Society of Friends in regard to the so-called outward ordinances or other fundamental principles.

We therefore appoint Benjamin F. Knowles, Richard Battey, Owen Dame, Hannah J. Bailey, Ellen K. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, George Howland, Jr., Susan T. Thompson, Anna G. Wood, Lydia C. Neal and Reuben T. Jones,—a Committee to extend Christian care over the Subordinate Meetings of our Yearly Meeting, and to advise and assist in preventing such Ministers or others not in unity as above mentioned, from being received or endorsed by Friends or Subordinate Meetings, contrary to the concern of this Meeting and the intent of the preceding Minute.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY,
CLERK.

NORTH BERWICK, ME.,
10th mo., 20th, 1886.

Which Minute has been read in this Meeting and the additional 100 Copies refered to have been apportioned and sent down to the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Meeting

The Committee appointed in 11 mo last year to visit R I Mo Meeting and its members. presented the following Report viz To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

Dear Friends

The joint committee appointed by this Meeting in 11 mo last to visit R I Mo Mtg and Members Composing it, would report having paid farther Attention to their appointment and would also recommend that still farther Care be Extended toward the Object of their appointment. On behalf of the Committee

Saml R Buffinton
Esther Chace

11 Mo 4 1886

Which is Satisfactory, and the same Committee is continued for farther service toward the Object of their appointment

The following information and proposition has been received from the Qr. Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, viz To R I Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

This Meeting is United in proposing that the hour of holding the Qr. Meeting on Ministry and Oversight at Fall River on Fourth day, preceding the Qr. Meeting in the 11th Month at that place be Changed from 3. Oclock P.M to 2. Oclock of the same day. From the minutes of R I Qr Meeting on Ministry & Oversight

Charles M. Earle
Clerk

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends:—

At a special Meeting of the Representative Meeting of "New England Yearly Meeting" held in Boston 10th Mo. 16th 1886 the accompanying Minute was adopted by that Meeting, and directed to be sent down to the subordinate Meetings for their direction, and also for distribution among the Members constituting them, in the same manner as are other official documents issued by the Yearly Meeting.

Timothy B. Hussey Clerk

Note. I have forwarded to thy address as Clerk of said Meeting 100 copies of said Minute in accordance with said directions.

T. B. Hussey—
N. Berwick Me. 10/20 1886

with which proposition this and the Womens unites, and the information is directed to be furnished the ensuing Yearly Meeting for their approval. The business which has claimed our attention at this time being satisfactorily and harmoniously concluded we separate purposing to meet at the usual time in the 2nd mo at Providence should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Second Month 1887

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence 2nd mo 3rd 1887 the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings being received, we are thereby informed that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz from

Rhode Island. Anthony M Kimber. William L Weaver. Ellwood G Macomber and John Cornell.
Greenwich Abel C Kenyon and Chas D Kenyon
Swansea Saml R Buffinton, Darius Buffinton Henry C Aydelott & Chas A Chace
Providence Thomas Hopkins. Daniel Meader & James Dennis
South Kingstown John Babcock and William H Perry

Who are all present

Thomas Harkness on behalf of the representatives informed the Meeting that they had Conferred together upon the subject of Clerks, and he was directed to Report to this Meeting, that they had Concluded to present the name of Saml R Buffinton for Clerk and Charles W Earle for Assistant Clerk, which names being Considered by the Meeting and United with thereby, they are accordingly appointed for said Services respectively for the ensuing year

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting, with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the several Monthly Meetings

Our beloved friends Thomas P Nichols, and Chas W Goddard, attended this Meeting, with satisfactory testimonials from their respective Monthly Meetings Expressing Unity with them as Ministers and with their respective concerns as expressed therein. Their Company and Services have been acceptable to this Meeting

Our beloved friend Jesse McPherson attended this Meeting, and presented the same Minute as in 8 mo last at Newport granted him by Cane Creek Monthly Meeting. Endorsed by Western Quarterly Meeting of Friends No Carolina, Expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his religious concern as expressed therein His Company and services in the Gospel service have been acceptable to us.

And the Clerk is directed to furnish our friends now in attendance at this Meeting in the Ministry with copy of Minutes made on their behalf

Rhode Island, Greenwich Swansea and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings informs this Meeting that their proportion of this meetings stock has been directed to be paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting

Swansea Monthly Meeting by their account informs that they were united with the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of that Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public Ministry of Phebe S. Aydelott, which is also united with by this and the Womens Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information, in relation to the same in accordance with the Discipline

Our Meeting has been blessed at this time with the company, and by the words of many dear friends from other Meetings which has greatly rejoiced our hearts, and we have thereby been encouraged and strengthened together, we have been exhorted to dwell in that love and tenderness of Spirit which becometh the people of God, and thereby be enabled to exercise greater Charity, one towards another in overlooking the mistakes of our friends or of the Church. The business being concluded, we separate, with increased feelings of love and sympathy one for another, purposing to meet at East Greenwich at the usual time in 5th Mo next if the Lord should permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 1887

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 5th 1887.

By the account from the Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as their Representatives viz;

From Rhode Island, William Jacob & John S. Kimber
" Greenwich John R. Godfrey & Charles D. Kenyon
" Swansea Saml R. Buffinton Darius Buffinton Chas A Chace & Henry C. Aydelott
" Providence Samuel Austin, Augustine Jones & James Dennis
" South Kingstown William T. Collins & Edward W. Collins

Whose names being called are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given

The Queries have been read at this time, with Answers to each from the several Monthly Meetings A Summary therefrom being adopted by this meeting for the information of the ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Portland Maine, they are directed to be forwarded thereto with other Extracts from our Minutes by our friends Samuel R Buffinton, Robert P. Gifford Anthony M Kimber, Joseph S Anthony Benjamin F Knowles, Charles A Chace Augustine Jones, Joseph E Macomber Daniel Meader William Jacob, John S Kimber Charles W Earle & Charles D Kenyon. Whom this Meeting appoints as its representatives thereto.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in their account informs that Levi Almy a Minister and Member of that Meeting died 7th mo 15th 1886 aged 78 years

And that Jacob Mott an Elder and Member of the Same Meeting died 5th mo 15th 1886 Aged 82 Years 3 months & 24 days

And South Kingstown Monthly Meeting reports the death of Abel F Collins an Elder and Member of that Meeting 6th mo 15th 1886 aged 77 years 4 Months & 23 days

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting also inform that they are united in the appointment of the following named friends as suitable persons to be added to the Meeting on "Ministry & Oversight" as members thereof for the term of two years viz William Holt John F Cornell, Rachel Anthony Mary A Sherman, Anna F Macomber, Abbie A Macomber, Elwood G Macomber, George N Chace, Lydia H Chace, Mary W Chace and John S Kimber

And Swansea Monthly Meeting inform that they are united in the reappointment of the following friends as members of the Meeting on "Ministry & Oversight" for two years viz Benjamin A Chace Herbert A Skinner Hiram Buffinton, Maria Earle Rachel P Chace, Parthenia Underwood Sarah E Buffinton, Sarah J Macomber Mary S Buffinton —— Adelaide F Chace

Anna R Chace
Chas A Chace

And Providence Monthly Meeting informs that they have appointed subject to the approval of this Meeting the following named friends as Members of the Meeting on "Ministry & Oversight" for the ensuing two years viz Thomas J Battey, Ellen K Staffum Robert P Hanson, Sarah J Hanson Daniel Meader and Louisa Meader With which several propositions from the aforesaid Monthly Meetings this and the Womens Meeting united, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information connected with the said appointments

The following proposition has been received from the Quarterly Meeting on "Ministry & Oversight" viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

This meeting is united in proposing that the hour of holding "the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight" at East Greenwich on 4th day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month at that place be changed from 3. Oclock P.M. to 2. Oclock of the same day.

Taken from the minutes of R. I. Q. Mtg on "Ministry & Oversight" held at East Greenwich 5th mo 4th 1887.

Charles H. Earle Clerk

Which proposition, after claiming the consideration of this and the Womens meeting is united with by both meetings, and the information is directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting for its sanction.

The following Statistical information, with the whole number of members constituting the membership of the several Monthly Meetings 3mo 1st 1887 has been received from them and is as follows viz

	Births	Deaths	Removals into	Removals out of	Admitted by Request	Released or Disowned	Erroneously Reported before	Total Membership 3mo 1st 1887
Rhode Island	1	5	3	1	22	3	0	151
Greenwich	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	62
Swansea	3	3	3	1	30	0	0	283
Providence	1	3	1	1	4	1	0	227
So. Kingstown	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	80
Totals	5	16	8	4	56	5	None	803

Total Membership 3mo 1st 1887 as above 803
" " " " 1. 1886 759
Showing an increase of 44

in our membership the past year an abstract of which is directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

The following Statistical information in connection with the subject of Education has been received from the several Monthly Meetings in accordance with minute of the last Yearly Meeting and is as follows.

viz From	Chiln between 4 & 21	Do Do 12 & 21	Number Attending School	Number attending Schools taught or controlled by Frds
Rhode Island	17	9	8	3
Greenwich	7	6	3	2
Swansea	57	21	37	18
Providence	22	12	19	12
So Kingstown	12	10	10	8
Totals	115	58	77	43

Which reports shows the number of Children in our limits between 4 & 21 years	115
Do. Do between 12 & 21 "	58
Whole number Attending School	77
" " " " taught or controlled by Friends	43

Which information is directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

The following Amounts are reported in the accounts from the following Mo Mtgs as having been collected within their respective limits in aid of the Foreign Mission Works in accordance with minutes of this and the Yearly Meeting viz

Rhode Island	$50.00
Greenwich	$5.00
Swansea	$23.51
Providence	$150.00
So. Kingstown	None
Total Amount collected	$228,,51

There has also been collected in aid of the Western Indians within the limits of the same Mo Mtgs by their accounts as follows viz

Rhode Island $18.50, Greenwich $5.00 Swansea $11.45 Providence $12,00 So Kingstown none

Total $46.95

which Sums are reported as having been forwarded to the Treasurers of the respective Committees.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs that Isaac F Macomber has been appointed Correspondent of that Meeting, Address Portsmouth R I

Greenwich Mo Meeting informs that Charles W Earle has been appointed correspondent of that Meeting Address Fiskeville R I

Our Treasurer informs that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting, in accordance with minute of said Meeting,

Our Quota's of the London General Epistle for 1886, The Printed minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, The Boarding School's Committees report, The 'Address from the Representative Meeting upon the Subject of War, and the "Minute from the said Representative Meeting addressed to Subordinate Meetings, touching the receiving of Certificates and granting returning Minutes to Ministers in certain cases by said Subordinate Meetings was also received, read and placed upon our records, all of which was apportioned and sent to the several Monthly Meetings in there respective Quotas

We appoint our friends John S Kimber, Charles D Kenyon, Charles A Chace, William L Bates and William T Collins, a committee of this Meeting, (as Door Keepers"), to attend to seating of friends and others who may be in attendance at our Quarterly Meetings until another appointment

By the Accounts from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting the following proposition was received Viz

"This Meeting is united in proposing to the Quarterly Meeting that in the appointment of Elders, they be appointed for a term of three years instead of as now, Also that the time of the Elders now under appointment cease on the adoption of this minute" which proposition this Meeting directs should be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting, without this Meeting taking any action thereon, having the concurrence of the Womens Meeting therein.

Having again been permitted, through continued mercy to meet and transact the business of the Church as has claimed our attention at this time, we conclude proposing if it is the Lords will to meet at the usual time at Newport at the usual time in 8th mo next

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

Summary of Answers for the Yearly Meeting

Ans 1st

All our Meetings for Religious Worship and discipline have been regularly held except 9 in three small Meetings. First-day Morning Meetings generally attended by most Friends, at all other Meetings the attendance is small The hour generally observed, unbecoming behavior avoided.

Ans 2d Love and Unity maintained with little Exception, Detraction guarded against, Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

Ans 3d

Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and for the most part, endeavor to train the children in accordance with our Christian profession, although more care is needed in these respects,

Ans 4th Most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families, engaging their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel Ministry maintained with little Exception

Ans 5th The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is avoided with two exceptions in one Meeting. Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character with little exception, and to observe true moderation in all things,

Ans 6th

The circumstances of the poor, and the Education of their children are attended to.

Ans 7th

As far as appears Friends are clear in our testimony as to Military Matters and public Revenue One case not clear in regards to Oaths under Notice

Ans 8th

We believe Friends are clear in their business relations with little exception.

Ans 9th

Friends are careful as to Records. Several Removals without Certificates under Notice

Ans 10th

The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always as timely as would be best

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to be held in 6th mo. next at Portland in the State of Maine.

Dear Friends;

The queries have all been read at this time with answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings composing this meeting, a summary therefrom has been adopted by this, for the information of the ensuing Yearly Meeting, and directed to be forwarded thereto with other extracts from our minutes by our friends,

Samuel E. Buffinton, Robert P. Gifford, Anthony M. Kimber, Joseph S. Anthony, Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles A. Chace, Augustine Jones, Joseph E. Macomber, Daniel Meader, William Jacob, John S. Kimber, Charles W. Earle and Charles D. Kenyon whom we appoint as our Representatives to attend the same.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting by their account inform us that Levi Almy a minister and member of that meeting died 7th mo. 15th 1886, aged 77 years, and

Jacob Mott an Elder and member of the same meeting, died 5th Mo. 15th 1886, aged 82 years 3 mos. and 24 days, and that Isaac B. Macomber has been appointed correspondent of that meeting, address Portsmouth R.I.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting informs that Abel F. Collins an Elder and member of that meeting died 6th Mo. 15th 1886 aged 77 years 4 mo. and 23 days.

This meeting has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Phebe S. Aydelotte, and also with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary E.

Kenyon to the Station of Elder, and Greenwich also informs that Charles W. Earle has been appointed correspondent of that meeting, address Fiskeville R. I.

This meeting has united with Rhode Island, Swansea and Providence Monthly Meetings in the appointment and reappointment of 29 members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, for the term of two years.

There has been collected within the limits of our several Monthly Meetings, in accordance with the minute of the last Yearly Meeting, in aid of "Foreign Mission Work" the sum of Two hundred twenty eight + 51/100 (228.51) Dollars, and Forty six + 95/100 (46.95) Dollars in aid of the "Western Indians" and the amounts above named have been forwarded to the Treas. of the committee of each respective concern of the Yearly Meeting in accordance with the direction of that Meeting.

The following statistical information with the whole number of members constituting this meeting 3d mo. 1st 1887, has been furnished by the Mo. Mtgs, and is as follows viz:

Whole number of Members 3d mo. 1st 1886		759
Additions by Birth since that date to 3/1,87	5	
" by Certificate	8	
" " Request	56	
Total additions		69
Making a membership with additions of		828
from which deduct for		
Removals by Death	16	
" Certificate	4	
Released or Disowned	5	
Total deductions		25
Making a total membership 3d mo. 1st 1887 of		803,

an increase of 44 members during the past year. The following information has also been furnished from the different Monthly Meetings in accordance with minute of the Yearly Meeting in connection with the subject of Education, viz:

Number of children between the age of 4 + 21 years	115
" " " " " " 12 " 21 "	58,
" Attending school	77
" " " taught or controlled by friends	40

Our Treasurer informs that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treas. of that meeting, in compliance with minute of that meeting, respecting the time.

of the payment of the same. This meeting is united in a proposition to change the hour of holding the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight at East Greenwich in the 5th month and at Fall River in the 11th month, on the 4th day preceding the Quarterly Meeting from 3 to 2 o'clock P. M.

The quota of the different documents from the Yearly Meeting for this Meeting have all been received, including the "London Printed Epistle," The Printed Minutes of the said Yearly Meeting. The Boarding School committees report, and an address from the Representative Meeting upon the subject of War, together with the minute from the same Meeting, addressed to subordinate Meetings, respecting the receiving of certificates and granting returning minutes to ministers in certain cases which was read and placed upon our records.

Taken from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends by direction of said Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th mo 5th 1887

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

Eighth Month 1887.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 mo 4th 1887. By the accounts from all the Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following friends were appointed to attend this Meeting as their Representatives viz from

Rhode Island George M. Chace William H Beal Jos S Anthony & Jos E Macomber
Greenwich Edward Buffinton & Chas D Kenyon
Swansea Saml R Buffinton Chas A Chace & Darius Buffinton
Providence Robt P Gifford. Thos J Battey & Danl Meader
South Kingstown Robert Browning and William H. Perry

whose names being called are present except One
for whose absence an excuse was rendered
The
names of Friends appointed as Representatives to attend the
late Yearly Meeting being called, we are
informed that they all attended except two
The Queries have all been read at this time
followed by Answers to the 1st 2d & 11th from
all the Monthly Meetings

The following
Minute from the Clerk of the late Yearly
Meeting relative to Stock has been received
and is as follows viz
To Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting
This Meeting concludes to
raise the Sum of Four thousand Dollars
for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year,
and directs that the proportion of of each
Quarterly Meeting be paid to George Howland
Junr on or before the first of Fifth Month
next
The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting 23 pr Ct $920.00
By direction of the
Meeting
William O Newhall Clerk

Whereupon we appoint our friends Robert P
Gifford and Benjamin F Knowles a Committee
to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of this
Meeting, name a sum necessary to be raised
for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year
and name a Friend to serve as Treasurer
and report to this Meeting in 11 mo next

The following has also been received
from the late Yearly Meeting viz
To Rhode
Island Quarterly Meeting
Our several
Monthly Meetings are hereby requested to
appoint Committees to assist in raising
the necessary additional funds for the use
of the Committee on Foreign Missions also for
the use of the Indian Committees and

place the same in the hands of those Committees respectively. The Clause in the First Query in relation to "unbecoming behavior" is directed to be stricken out of said Query. The four following questions are hereafter to be answered Annually to this Meeting viz

First. How Many Children between the ages of 4 & 21
Second " " " " " 12 & 21
Third " " " are attending School
Fourth " " " " taught by or under the control of Friends

This Meeting directs that our several Quarterly Meetings forward in their accounts next year, the time, place and hour of holding their Quarterly Meetings, and also of all its Subordinate meetings, with a view of having the same printed with the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and if any changes occur thereafter that said changes be reported Annually to this Meeting, that a Correct Calendar may be kept. The request from your Quarterly Meeting that the hour of holding the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at East Greenwich in the Fifth Month and at Fall River in the Eleventh Month be changed from 3 to 2 O'clock P.M. claimed the attention of this meeting and being united with the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information. By direction of the Meeting aforesaid

William O Newhall
Clerk

And in accordance with said requests our several Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees for the special objects named viz Foreign Missions, and the Indian Committee, and forward the sums raised by them to the Treasurers of the respective Concerns,

And they are also directed to strike out of the First Query the clause relating to "unbecoming behavior", in accordance with the request of the late Yearly Meeting.

And our Mo Meetings are requested in accordance with the minute in connection with the subject of Education, and the ages of the children within our limits, to forward the said information to this Meeting annually in the 5th mo next, in connection with the Statistical information now required at that time, for the Yearly Meeting

And the several Monthly Meetings are also requested to forward to this Meeting hereafter annually in the 5th mo of each year, the time, place, and hour of holding the Monthly Meetings, and all of ~~the~~ Subordinate Meetings within their respective limits in accordance with the foregoing minute of the late Yearly Meeting upon that subject,

And the Clerk of this Meeting is directed to furnish the Several Mo Meetings respectively, ~~with~~ the foregoing requests, and the direction of this Meeting thereon.

This Meeting is also informed that the Yearly Meeting united with this Meeting in the proposed change in the hour of holding the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight in the 5th and 11 Months.

The Report of the committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence the past year has been received, and not read at this time.

Greenwich Mo Meeting by their Account informs that they were united in the appointment of Catharine Green to the Station of Elder, with which this and the Womens Meeting unites, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the required information in accordance with the Discipline

Received the following Report from the Committee of this Meeting appointed to visit Rhode Island Mo Meeting, and its members viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Your committee appointed in 11th Mo 1885 to labor in Rhode Island Monthly Meeting and with its members, for the restoration of love and Unity, have attended to their appointment as way opened We hope in some respects there has been an improvement yet the committee do not feel that any further action on their part can accomplish the full results desired.

By direction and on behalf of the Committee, Newport R I 8 Mo 4 1887

Robert P Gifford
Esther Chace

Which report is accepted by this and the Womens Meeting, and the committee discharged from further service

The information directed by this Meeting to be furnished, Friends who were added to the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight at our last Meeting for the term of 2 years, has been attended to, by the Clerk who was directed to furnish the same, receiving from all but one due notice of said information having been received by them.

There has been received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting, and the Report of the committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence, both of which has been apportioned and sent down to the several Mo Meetings

Also 500 Copies of the London General printed Epistle for 1887 which has also been apportioned among our Mo. Meetings in their respective proportions, one of which has been at this time to our Edification and general satisfaction. In conclusion we desire to commemorate the goodness of our Father in Heaven for permitting us to meet again as a Quarterly Meeting, wherein our Souls have been refreshed by Words of Sweet Counsel and advice, which the Blessed Master through His Messengers has permitted to be proclaimed among us at this time, and the business being concluded which has claimed our attention at this time, we separate purposing to meet at the usual time at Fall River in 11 mo next should the Lord again permit

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

Eleventh Month 1887

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11th Mo 3d 1887. The accounts from the several Monthly Meetings being received, we are by them informed that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz

From Rhode Island, William Jacob, Joseph S Anthony and Anthony M Kimber
" Greenwich Abel C Kenyon, Chas W Earle
" Swansea Daniel Chace, Saml R Buffinton, Peleg Chace & Charles Estes
" Providence Robert P Gifford, Daniel Meader & Robert B Hanson

From South Kingstown, George C Gould
and William H Perry
whose names being called are all present
except one for whose absence a satisfactory
reason was given

The Queries have all been
read at this time with answers to the three
usually answered from all the Monthly
Meetings

The Committee appointed in 8 mo
last, to audit the Treasurers account and
for other purposes presented the following
Viz

Providence R I 10 Mo 20th 1887

To Rhode
Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The
Treasurers account examined this day is
found correct and the balance now in his
hands is Forty Six dollars and fifty cents
($46.50) We propose that the sum of Nine
Hundred Dollars be raised for the Ensuing
Year, and that Samuel R Buffinton serve
the Meeting as Treasurer.

For the Committee
Robert P Gifford

Which being satisfactory to this meeting
is accepted thereby and the recommendations
contained therein, are approved and
adopted by the same, and the several
Monthly Meetings, are requested to pay
their proportion of the sum ordered to be
raised by 1 mo. and forward said amounts
to Samuel R Buffinton whom we appoint as Treasurer
for the ensuing year;

And we appoint
our friends Robert J Hanson and Robert P Gifford
a committee to transfer the above sum of
$46 50/00, with such books and papers belonging
to this meeting now in the hands of James
Dennis our late Treasurer to Samuel R
Buffinton, appointed to that service for the
Ensuing year

Our beloved Friends Thomas White Fisher and George Grubb from Ireland attended this Meeting and produced the Credentials furnished them by Dublin Yearly Meeting of Friends, as delegates to the late Conference at Richmond Ind, and endorsing them as Ministers of the Gospel; in unity with their friends at home, and encouraging them as such to attend to such other service as they may feel called to attend to for their blessed Master as way opened open for it as they mingled with their brethren and the Church in other places.

Their company has not only been truly acceptable at this time but their service in the gospel for the blessed Master has been very encouraging and strengthening; to the building up of the Church and of Individuals.

And the Clerks are directed to furnish our friends with a copy of the above minute and sign the same on our behalf

Swansea Monthly Meeting by its account informs that they have united with Fall River Preparative Meeting in a proposition to change the hour of holding their Mid-week meeting on 4th day at that place from 10.30 A.M. to 3. Oclock P.M. with which this and the Womens Meeting unites, and the said information is directed to be furnished our next Yearly Meeting

That Meeting also by its account informs that it has reestablished a meeting for Worship at Freetown on First-days at 11. Oclock A.M. and that they have also reestablished a Preparative Meeting at the same place to be known as Freetown Preparative Meeting of Friends to be held on Fourth (4th day evening preceding the Monthly Meeting the same to be preceded by a Meeting for Worship at 7. Oclock which information is also directed to be furnished our next Yearly Meeting

* [illegible] The business of the Meeting which has Claimed our attention at this time being very harmoniously and unitedly concluded, recognizing the presence of the blessed Master, in its satisfactory Conclusion, We separate purposing to meet at the usual time in Providence in 2^d month next should the Lord again permit

Received from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting the following viz "Rhode Island Monthly Meeting recommends that our Discipline be so altered, that our Elders be appointed once in three years instead of for life; And that all terms of Eldership terminate upon such new appointment".

[illegible] Which subject is left for the consideration of Friends untill our Quarterly Meeting in Second Month next

Samuel R Buffinton
Clerk

Second Month 1888

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2 Mo 27 1888, the accounts from the several Mo Meetings to this being received We are thereby informed that the Friends hereafter named, were appointed to attend this Meeting as Representatives therefrom viz:

From Rhode Island. William Weaver William Jacob. and Joseph S Anthony

" Greenwich Abel C Kenyon. Cha^s D Kenyon and John R. Godfrey

" Swansea Darius Buffinton, Herbert A Skinner Henry C Aydelott, Sam^l R Buffinton and Charles A Chase

From Providence Robert S. Gifford Joseph H. Wheeler
Benjamin F. Knowles Daniel Meader
and Thomas Harkness
" So Kingstown
John Babcock and Wm H Perry

whose names being called all responded thereto except three.

Thomas Harkness on behalf of the Representatives to this Meeting informs that they had met and conferred together upon the subject of Clerks for the same and were united in proposing the name of Samuel R. Buffinton for Clerk and Charles W. Earle for Assistant Clerk, which names being considered and united with by the Meeting they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Our beloved Friend Jesse W. Wilmore attended this Meeting and produced satisfactory credentials from Barklay Mo Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo 28th 1887 endorsed by Cottonwood Quarterly Meeting Kansas held 6 mo 11th 1887, expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his proposed religious prospect, His company and Gospel services have been acceptable to this meeting, and the Clerks are directed to furnish him with a copy of the above Minute

The Queries have all been read at this time with Answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from all the Monthly Meetings.

Rhode Island Mo Meeting in its Accounts to this Meeting, at this time proposes that all the sessions of Quarterly Meeting be held as united Meetings, which proposition after claiming our consideration was not united with, but that we continue to meet as heretofore in seperate Meetings with which the Womens Meeting unites

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting inform that that they are united in adding as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight the following named Friends viz Mary W. Jones, Annie T. Carr, Robert C. Wethfell, Richard R. Macomber, William N. Beale, Charles E. Dore, Annie Manchester and Maria L. Corey. Swansea Monthly Meeting also informs that they are united in proposing the names of Peter L. Chace, Ann F. Chace, Lydia Post and Abby C. Gifford, as suitable persons to be added to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, with which propositions this and the Womens Meeting concurs, and the Clerk is directed to furnished the required information to the above named friends, and the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in accordance with the Discipline.

The following proposition from Swansea Monthly Meeting in relation to establishing a boundary line between Providence and Swansea Monthly Meeting, was received at this time. viz

"That Warren River be the dividing line between the said Meetings to the North line of the town of Swansea, thence North by the said dividing line between the towns of Rehoboth and Seekonk, until it reaches the town of Attleboro, thence North through the town of Attleboro to the line of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, which claimed our attention and we appoint our friends Robert P. Gifford, Augustine Jones, and Samuel Austin, to take the subject into consideration and report their judgment thereon, to a future Meeting.

We appoint our friends Robert P. Gifford and Charles W. Earle, a Committee to confer with the members of Greenwich Mo Mtg, in relation to the carpeting of the room, in Friends Meeting House at that place used at Quarterly Meeting time in 5th mo. for furnishing a collation for friends and others who attend the same, and they are Authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for any expense incurred in the accomplishment of said object and report the same to this Meeting when accomplished.

The proposition from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in there accounts to this Meeting in 11 mo. last — requiring a Change of Discipline in the appointment of Elders, and which was referred to this Meeting for further consideration, has claimed our attention again at this time, and the said proposition requiring a change of discipline this Meeting is united in forwarding the same to the ensuing Yearly Meeting for its action thereon, the Womens Meeting concurring therein.

Robert P. Gifford on behalf of the Committee appointed to transfer to the newly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting by Samuel R Buffinton, the funds with the books and papers in the hands of James Dennis its late Treasurer informs the Meeting that they have attended to their appointment, which is satisfactory and accepted by this Meeting.

The business of the Meeting which has claimed our attention at this time being harmoniously concluded, we separate purposing to meet at East Greenwich in 5th Month next should the Lord permit

Samuel R Buffinton
Clerk

Note

The pages numbered 227, 228. 229. & 230 which is missing from this Record Book at this place was removed by me, on account of an omission in transcribing, the doing of the foregoing Meeting from the original Manuscript, and the removing of pages 227 & 228, necesiated the removal of the other two also as will be seen by examining the binding

S. R. Buffinton
Clerk

Fifth Month 1888

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 3d 1888, By the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends were appointed to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz

Rhode Island George M Chace, Anthony M. Kimber
Greenwich Chas W. Earle & Abel C Kenyon
Swansea Saml R Buffinton. Obadiah M Buffinton Simeon W Luther. Thomas G. Estes & Obadiah Chace
Providence Robert L Gifford Augustine Jones James Dennis & Daniel Meader
South Kingstown Wm T Collins & Wm H Perry

whose names being called all responded thereto except two

The queries have all been read at this time, with answers thereto from each of the Mo. Meetings, a summary from which has been approved by this Meeting for the information of the ensuing Yearly Meeting, next to be held at Newport, which we directed to be forwarded thereto with other necessary Extracts from the minutes of this Meeting by our friends Samuel R Buffinton, Anthony M Kimber. Charles A Chace. William H Teale, William H Perry, Augustine Jones. Charles W Earle, Obadiah Chace, George Mason Chace, Simeon W Luther, Saml Austin. Benjamin F. Knowles Thomas Harkness. Robert L Gifford and William Jacob. whom we appoint as Representatives from this meeting to attend the same

Rhode Mo Mtg by its accounts informs that George Anthony an Elder and member of that Meeting died 4th Mo 9th aged 91 Years 6 months and 19 days

Swansea Monthly Meeting also informs that Sarah Slade an Elder and Member of that Meeting died 3d mo 20th 1888 aged 78 years and 1 Month

Providence Monthly Meeting reports the death of Hannah F. Peckham an Elder and Member of that Meeting died 6 month 9th 1887 aged 81 years and 5 Months And that Sarah K Reynolds a Minister and Member of that Meeting died 4th mo 7th 1888 aged 82 years 6 months & 11 days

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs that they were united in changing the hour of holding the Mid-Week meeting at Portsmouth on 4th day of the week from 10.30 A.M to 7-30 P.M, which is satisfactory to this meeting

The following Statistical information with the whole number of members composing the membership of the Several Monthly Meetings 3 mo 1st 1888 has been received therefrom And is as follows Viz

	Births	Deaths	Removals Into	Removals Out of	Admitted by Request	Released or Disowned	Erroneously Omitted or Erroneously Returned	Total Membership 3 month 1st 1888
Rhode Island	0	0	2	3	6	2^R	0	154
Greenwich	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	59
Swansea	8	4	0	1	25	1^R	0	310
Providence	0	8	2	7	4	6	3	209
So Kingstown	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	78
Total	9	16	4	12	35	10	3	810

Total Membership 3 mo 1st 1887	803
do do 3 mo 1st 1888	810

Showing an increase of 7 persons to our Membership during the past year, An Abstract of which is directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting for its information

The following Statistical information in Connection with the subject of Education has been furnished by the accounts from the several Mo Mtgs, in accordance with the request of the Yr. Meeting (See printed Minutes of the Yr Mtg for 1886. and Minute No 44) and is as follows viz

	Number of Children between 4 & 21 yrs	Number between 12 & 21 yrs	Number Attending School	Number attending Schools taught by Friends
Rhode Island	22	12	14	None
Greenwich	7	5	2	2
Swansea	72	41	44	2
Providence	27	15	21	9
So Kingstown	12	8	5	5
Total	140	81	86	18

Which reports show the Whole number of Children within our limits between the ages of 4 & 21 years

3mo 1st 1888 to be	140
Do. Do Do between the ages of 12 & 21 years	81
Whole number attending School	86
" " " " taught by or under control of Friends }	18

Which information is directed to be forwarded the ensuing Yearly Meeting

The Monthly Meetings hereafter named report having raised within there respective limits for aid of the Foreign Mission Work upon Mt Lebanon in accordance with the request of the Yearly Meeting (See Minute No 31. page 28. Printed Minutes thereof) the following named Sums viz

Rhode Island	35.00
Greenwich	00.00
Swansea	27.00
Providence	125.00
South Kingstown	3.00
Total	$190.00

Which Amount has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Committee

There has also been raised within the same Monthly Meetings the sum of $65.84 in aid of the Western Indians, and that amount has been paid to Anthony McKember Treasurer of the Indian Committee as follows viz

Rhode Island	14.50
Greenwich	aaaa
Swansea	18.25
Providence	21.00
So. Kingstown	12.09
Total	65.84

and the foregoing information is directed to be furnished the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Nathan Douglass attended this Meeting, with satisfactory credentials from Durham Mo Meeting of Friends held 1 mo 17th 1888 expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his proposed prospect, as therein set forth. His company and services have been acceptable to us.

Rufus P. King a Minister of the Gospel from North Carolina also attended this Meeting and produced a Minute from Springfield Mo Meeting held 3mo 17th Endorsed by Deep River Qr Meeting of Friends held 4mo 21st 1888, each expressing unity with him as a Minister and his prospect for service as expressed therein. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. And the clerks are directed to furnish both of the friends with copies of the minutes made on their behalf.

Robert P. Gifford on behalf of the committee appointed at our last Meeting to confer with the members of Greenwich Monthly Meeting in reference to they carpeting the upper room in their Meeting house, used at Qr Meeting time at that place for furnishing a repast for Friends and others attending the same presented a verbal report, viz That they had attended to their appointment, and with the consent of the said Mo Meeting, had placed a Carpet upon the floor of the said room for which with other expences incurred have presented a bill amounting to $39 – which our Treasurer is directed to pay

The committee appointed by this Meeting in the Second Month in relation to establishing a dividing line between Providence and Swansea Monthly Meeting, inform that they have given some attention to their appointment but are not prepared to make a full report at this time, and they are continued under appointment and requested to report at a future Meeting

By the Accounts from the Mo Meetings, and information from our Treasurer, we are informed that all the Monthly Meetings have paid their quota of Quarterly Meeting Stock called for in 11 Mo last.

And our Treasurer informs that our quota of Yearly Meeting Stock, called for last year, has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting, in accordance with the request of said Meeting before the 1st of this Month.

Our Clerk informs that he has notified the several individuals added to the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight from R Island and Swansea Monthly Meetings, and also the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in accordance with the direction of this in Second 2 mo. last

In accordance with the request of our last Yearly Meeting, directing that the several Quarterly Meetings forward to that Meeting this year the time place and hour of holding the same, and also of all the subordinate Meetings constituting them and should any change occur thereafter that said change be reported annually to the Yr Meeting herewith present the following information by

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is held as follows viz

On the 1st 5th day in the Second Fifth. Eighth & Eleventh Months at 10.30 A.M.
In
Second Month at Providence R.I.
Fifth " " East Greenwich " "
Eighth " " Newport " "
& Eleventh " " Fall River "Mass

Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is held the day previous to the holding of the Quarterly Meeting at Providence at 11. Oclock A.M. and at the other 3 places named viz East Greenwich Newport and Fall River at 2. Oclock P.M.

The above is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting together with such information as has been furnished this Meeting with the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, setting forth the time place and the hour of holding the subordinate Meetings within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting.

For official information in connection, with the request of the Yearly Meeting, as per the foregoing Minute see Book of Meetings as printed by direction of the Yr Meeting and sent down, to the several subordinate Meetings respectively, a copy of which may be found on page [illegible] of these Records

Saml R. Buffinton Clerk

Summary of the Answers to the Queries for the Yearly Meeting

Ans 1st

All our Meetings for religious Worship and discipline have been regularly held, except twelve Meetings for Worship. Friends attend them duly, and near the hour appointed with some Exceptions in two Meetings

Ans. 2d

Love and Unity maintained with little Exception in two Meetings. Detraction generally guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear

Ans 3d

Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and those having Children or others under their care Endeavor to train them in accordance with our Christian profession with little Exception in One Meeting.

Ans 4th

Most Friends read the Holy Scriptures Individually and Collectively in their families and Encourage their Children & others in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry maintained with little exception in One Meeting

Ans 5th

Clear as to the use of intoxicants as a beverage, so far as we have knowledge, with five Exceptions care extended. Generally Careful to avoid Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian Character, and to observe true moderation in all things

Ans 6th

The circumstances of the poor attended to and they assisted when necessary. Care is taken to Educate their Children

Ans 7th

We believe Friends are careful in the several parts of this Query

Ans. 8th

We believe Friends are correct in their business matters as queried after, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances with little exception in one meeting.

Ans 9th

Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates some care taken

Ans 10th

We believe the discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially though not always so timely as might be best

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to be held at Newport R. I. in 6 month next.

Dear Friends

The queries have all been read at this time with answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings comprising this Meeting, a summary of which hath been approved of, for the information of the Yearly Meeting, and directed thereby to be forwarded with other extracts from our minutes by our friends

Samuel R Buffinton Anthony McKimber Charles A Chace. William A Pease. William A Perry Augustine Jones. Charles R Earle Obadiah Chace. George Mason Chace Simeon W. Luther. Samuel Austin Benjamin F Knowles. Thomas Harkness Robert P Gifford and William Jacob whom we appoint as Representatives of this Meeting to attend the Yearly Meeting

1. Rhode Island Mo Meeting by its accounts inform that George Anthony an Elder and member of that Meeting died 4th mo 9th 1888 aged 91 years 5 mos and 10 days.

Swansea Monthly Meeting also informs that Sarah Slade An Elder and Member of that Meeting died 3rd Month 20th aged 78 years and 11. Month

Providence Mo Meeting Reports the death of Sarah K Reynolds a Minister and Member of that Meeting died 4th mo 7th 1888 aged 82 years 6 months & 11 days And that Hannah F Peckham an Elder and Member of that Meeting died 6th month 9th 1887. aged 81 years and 5 Months

This Meeting has united with Greenwich Mo Meeting in the appointment of Catharine Green to the Station of Elder And with Rhode Island and Swansea Mo Meetings in the addition of Twelve (12) names for Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for the term of two years

And with Swansea Mo Meeting in the re-establishment of a Meeting for Worship at Freetown Mass on First day at 11. Oclock A.M, and also a Preparative Meeting at the same place and known as "Freetown Preparative Meeting" and is held on Fourth day evening following a Meeting for Worship at 7. Oclock, in the week preceding the Monthly Meeting, and with Rhode Island Mo Meeting in the change of hour of holding their Mid week Meeting for Worship on 4th day at Portsmouth from 10.30 A.M to 7.30 P.M,

And with Swansea Mo Meeting in a change of the hour of holding the Mid week mtg for Worship at Fall River on 4th day from 10.30 A.M to 3. Oclock P.M. the same day

Our Treasurer informs that the quota of Yearly Meeting Stock called for last year, has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting, in conformity with the request of that Meeting before the 1st of 5th Month

A proposition from Rhode Island Mo. Meeting to this requesting also that Elders be appointed for a term of Three (3) years instead of at present, and that the service of Elders now under appointment expire with said change which proposition requiring a change of discipline this Meeting is united in forwarding it to the ensuing Yearly Meeting for its action thereon. The following statistical information with the whole number of members comprising this Meeting 3mo 1st 1888 has been furnished by the Monthly Meetings and is as follows viz

Whole number of members 3mo 1st 1887		803
Additions by Births since that date to 3mo 1st 1888	9	
Do Do Certificate	4	
Do Do Requests	35	48
Making a membership with above additions of		851
from which deduct for		
Removals by Deaths	16	
" Certificate	12	
Released or Disowned	10	
Previously ommitted or returned wrong	3	41
Making a total membership 3mo 1st 1888 of		810

an increase of 7 members the past year

The following information has also been furnished by the Mo Mtgs in accordance with minute of the Yearly Meeting in connection with the subject of Education viz

Number of Children between the age of 4 and 21 years	140
Do do do between 12 & 21 years	81
Do do Attending School	81
Do do " " taught by or under the control of Friends	18

The following amounts have been collected within the limits of several of our Monthly Meetings, in aid of the Foreign Mission Work upon Mt. Lebanon and the Western Indians in accordance with the minute of the Yearly Meeting viz

For Foreign Mission Work as above	190.00
" the Western Indians	65.84

Which amounts have been paid to the Treasurers of the respective Committees.

In pursuance with the request of the Yearly Meeting last year for the several Quarterly Meetings to forward to that Meeting this year the time place and hour of holding of the same, together with the time place and hour of holding the subordinate Meetings composing them and also to report annually thereafter any change that may occur therein.

This Meeting in compliance therewith herewith presents the following information viz

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends is held on the 1st 5th day in the Second, Fifth, Eighth & Eleventh months at 10.30 A.M. at the following named places viz

In Second (2) Mo at Providence R.I.
" Fifth (5) Mo " East Greenwich R.I.
" Eighth (8) Mo " Newport " "
" Eleventh (11) Mo " Fall River Mass

Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is held the day previous to the holding of the Quarterly Meeting at Providence in the Second Mo at 11. O'Clock A.M., at East-Greenwich in Fifth Mo, Newport in Eigth Mo. and Fall River in the 11th month at 2. O'clock P.M., And the subordinate meetings composing the same, are held as follows viz (See Book of Meetings upon the following page

The quota of the different documents from the Yearly Meeting have been received, and distributed among our subordinate Meetings including the "London General Printed Epistle" The "Printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting" The Boarding School Committees report, and the Book of "Meetings containing the account of the Times and Places of holding the "Meetings of the Society of Friends" in New England, as sanctioned and issued by the Yearly Meeting a copy of which is hereto affixed

The business of this Meeting being concluded we again separate purposing to meet at the usual time in the 8th month of the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Eighth Month 1888

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th mo 2d 1888 by the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings we are informed that they have appointed the following named friends to attend this Meeting as their Representatives viz

From Rhode Island Charles E Dore & Joseph S Anthony
" Greenwich Chas W. Earle & Abel C Kenyon
" Swansea Saml R Buffinton Peter L Chace Chas Estes & Chas A Chace
" Providence Benjamin F Knowles Robert P. Gifford & Saml Austin
" So. Kingstown Geo. S Gould & William F Collins

Who are all present except one.

The names of those friends appointed by this Meeting to attend the late Yearly Meeting as its Representatives being called we are informed that they all attended except two-

The Queries have all been read with answers to three usually answered at this time

The following minute from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting in relation to Stock has been received and is as follows viz

It was concluded to raise the sum of $4000 for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year and George Howland Jun was reappointed Treasurer. Our several Quarterly Meetings were directed to forward their respective proportions to our Treasurer, on or before the first of Fifth Month next

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's Quota 23% is $920.00

And we appoint our friends Robert S. Gifford and Benjamin F. Knowles a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting, name a sum in their judgment necessary to raise for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, and present the name of a friend to serve it as Treasurer for the ensuing year and report to this Meeting in 11 Month next

The following minute from the Yearly Meeting in relation to the raising of Funds to aid the Committees of "Gospel Work, Foreign Missions" and the "Western Indians" has also been received viz: "Our several Monthly Meetings were directed to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work of the Committee on Gospel Work Foreign Missions and Western Indians and cause the same to be placed in the hands of the Treasurers of those Committees respectively"

Whereupon this Meeting requests the several Monthly Meetings within its limits to appoint said Committees for the several objects named in the foregoing minute, and cause such amounts as may be raised within their respective limits, to be placed in the hands of the Treasurers of the different Committees named

The following is also received in connection with the proposition from this Meeting in relation to the appointment of Elders viz: "The proposition from your Meeting in relation to the term of Office of those in the Station of Elder, claimed the attention of this Meeting, and was not united with and the Clerk was directed to give your Meeting the necessary information. Our attention is also called by the Yearly Meeting through its Clerk, to the following change in the Discipline in connection with the holding of United Quarterly or Monthly Meetings viz

60. The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, made a report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, Women Friends concurring, and the change is accordingly made. The Report is as follows, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

In relation to the request from Salem Quarterly Meeting in reference to United Meetings, the Representatives were united in recommending the following change in the wording of the Discipline relating to said Meetings, as adopted by the Yearly Meeting in the year 1884, by substituting for the second and third paragraphs of said Amended Articles relating thereto, the following, viz.:

Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings may be held either occasionally or continuously, as United Meetings of Men and Women Friends whenever in the judgment of said Meetings it is desirable to do so.

When either a Quarterly or Monthly Meeting shall be held as a United Meeting, there shall be one Clerk and one Assistant Clerk for said Meeting, who shall have been appointed annually as Clerks of separate or United Meetings, and at the time of such appointment one of them shall be designated, without regard to sex, as Clerk of United Meetings, and the other as Assistant Clerk. When the Superior Meeting is held in separate sessions, separate reports, with names of the Representatives to their respective Meetings, shall be signed and forwarded thereto by the Clerks of said United Meeting.

On behalf of the Representatives,

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1888.

Which change in the Discipline, together with the other requests contained in the foregoing copies of the minutes of the late Yearly Meeting having been duly received signed by its Clerk. Wm O. Newhall and which this Meeting directs its Clerk to send down to the several Monthly Meetings for their government, and action in accordance therewith.

The Committee appointed by this Meeting on the request of Swansea Mo Meeting, to take into consideration a change in the boundary line between that and Providence Mo. Meeting presented the following Report viz

To the Quarterly Meeting

The committee to whom was referred the question of a change in the boundary line between Providence & Swansea Monthly Meetings have given attention to the subject and are of the opinion that it would not be advisable at present to recommend any change

For the Committee
Saml Austin
Robert P Gifford

Newport 2d of 8mo 1888

Which report is satisfactory to and accepted by this Meeting.

Our beloved friend John Carey acceptably attended this Meeting with minute of Unity with him as a Minister and with his proposed religious service from Back Creek Mo Mtg endorsed by Northern Qr Meeting of Friends Indiana

Our beloved friend Chas W. Goddard attended this Meeting with minute from So. Durham Mo Meeting of Friends expressing unity with him as a minister and his prospect as therein set forth His company and services have been acceptable to this Meeting, and the clerks are directed to furnish our friends in the Ministry in attendance at this time, with a copy of the minutes made on their behalf

Rhode Island Mo Meeting by their account informs that that Meeting united with R I Preparative Meeting on "Ministry and Oversight", in adding the name of Alice Almy as a member of the Meeting on "Ministry and Oversight" for two years. with which this Meeting unites. having the concurrence of the Womens Meeting therefor, and the clerks is directed to furnish the necessary information in accordance with Discipline

The Report of the Committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence has been received at this time and the reading thereof deferred to a future Meeting. The business of the Meeting which has claimed our attention at this time being concluded in harmony we separate with the love of God in our hearts purposing to meet at Fall River in 11 month next at the usual time should the Lord permit

Saml C Buffinton Clerk

Eleventh Month 1888

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 Mo 1st 1888 we are informed by the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as their Representatives viz

From Rhode Island	Anthony M Kimber Elwood G Macomber & Geo Mason Chace
" Greenwich	Chas W Earle and Abel Kenyon
" Swansey	Chas F Leslie, Saml C Buffinton Chas A Chace and Peter L Chace
" Providence	Robert S Gifford Benjn F Knowles and Joseph W Atwater
" So Kingstown	George S Gould & Peter H Collins

Whose names being called all responded thereto as present except three for one of which a satisfactory reason was assigned

The queries have all been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the several Monthly Meetings

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to audit the account of the Treasurer of this Meeting and for other purposes presented the following report viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

Dear Friends

We have examined the Treasurers account and find a balance due him of Twelve & 50/100 Dollars ($1250)

We would advise that the sum of Nine Hundred & fifty ($950 00) dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the coming Year and propose the name of Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer

Robert P. Gifford }
B. F. Knowles } Committee

Which is satisfactory to and accepted by the Meeting, and the several recommendations therein proposed are also adopted by this Meeting, and the several Mo Meetings are requested to forward their respective quota of the amount proposed to be raised to our Treasurer Saml R. Buffinton. Whom we appoint as such for the ensuing Year

Our Clerk informs that he has notified Alice Almy of her appointment as a member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in accordance with Minute of our last Meeting

Received at this time a copy of the London General Printed Epistle for 1888 which has been read, in accordance with our usual practice, as we humbly trust to the comfort and Edification of our Membership who are priviledged to be present at this time.

The subject of Temperance again claiming the attention of this Meeting, more especially to the end that more active Measures may be taken in promoting and Establishing both National and Local Prohibition, We therefore appoint our Friends Augustine Jones Anthony M Kimber, William Jacob Benjamin F. Knowles, Thomas Chace and Samuel Austin, a Committee to take such action on behalf of this Meeting in this important Subject, as they may deem Expedient, more fully and forcibly than heretofore if possible, in placing the same before the Congress of the United States (should way open for it) and also before the Legislatures of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, to the End that Prohibition Laws may be Enacted in these States at least, that will ultimately remove the ravages of Intemperance from within their borders, and they are requested to report at a future Meeting, with which action of this Meeting the Womens Meeting Concurred and have appointed five women friends viz

Anna Macomber
Phebe S Aydelott Catharine Green
Elizabeth H Gifford and Harriet D Collins

a Committee of that Meeting to act with the Committee of the Mens Meeting in this important concern of the Meeting.

The business of the Meeting claiming our attention at this time being accomplished to satisfaction, we seperate, purposing to meet at Providence in 2d Month next at the usual time should the Lord permit

Samuel R Buffinton Clerk

Second Month 1889

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2 Mo 7th 1889 the same is informed by accounts from the different Monthly Meetings composing the same, that the following named Friends were appointed as Representatives thereto viz

From Rhode Island	William Jacobs and Nelson R Reed
" Greenwich	Charles D Kenyon John Godfrey and Chas W Earle
" Swansea	Daniel Chace Chas A Chace Chas F Leslie, Darius Buffinton Samuel R Buffinton and Simeon W Luther
" Providence	Thomas Harkness Robert P Gifford and Daniel Meader
" So. Kingstown	Edward W Collins and William H Perry

whose names being called all responded as present except three (3)

The Queries have all been read at this time, with Answers to the usual three from all our Monthly Meetings

Thomas Harkness informs that a portion of the Representative to this Meeting, have conferred together, upon the subject of Clerks for the same the ensuing year, and they are united in proposing the name of Samuel R Buffinton for Clerk and Charles W Earle for Assistant Clerk which proposition being united with by this Meeting they are accordingly appointed, to those stations respectively and in accordance with the provision of Discipline, in relation to Clerks for United Quarterly Meetings, in case this should be so held during the present year, the Men and Womens Representatives, have conferred together in view that subject, and are united in proposing the name of Saml R Buffinton as Clerk and Louisa Meader as Assistant Clerk of said Meeting (if so held) which proposition being united with, by this, and with the concurrent action of the Womens Meeting thereon they are accordingly appointed to said Stations respectively.

Greenwich and Swansea Monthly Meetings by their accounts inform, that they have ordered the payment of their quota of this Meetings Stock called for in 11 mo last.

The following information from the Representative Meeting has been received at this time viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

At a special Representative Meeting held in Boston Tenth Month 26th 1888 the resignation of George Howland Junr as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting was received, read and accepted at this time, and Samuel R Buffinton was appointed Treasurer in his place.

From the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid
Timothy B Hussey Clerk

P.S.

Address
Samuel R Buffinton Treasurer
Fall River Mass

Which information is directed to be spread upon our Records

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in their account informs that they have appointed Isaac P Macomber as a member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, which appointment being united with by this and the Womens Meeting, he is accordingly appointed as a member thereof for two years, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the required information, in accordance with the provision of Discipline

Our dear Friends Nathan Douglass and John S Pennington Ministers of the Gospel attended this meeting, with Minutes of Unity from Durham Mo Meeting State of Maine held 1 Mo 1st 1889, and Spiceland Mo Meeting Ind held 9 mo 1st 1888; the service in the Gospel of both these dear Friends have been acceptable to this meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies made on their behalf

Having been favored at this time with the acceptable company of several of the Lords Gospel Messengers, who have faithfully proclaimed the way of Life and Salvation, to our Comfort and Edification, by which the Church has been Strengthened, and the faint hearted Encouraged. And the business which has claimed our attention, at this time having been brought to a satisfactory and harmonious conclusion, we seperate purposing to meet at the usual time in 5th Month next at East Greenwich should the Lord again permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 1889

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 2nd 1889, the accounts from all the Monthly Meetings being received, we are thereby informed that the following named Friends have been appointed by them to attend this Meeting as Representatives therefrom viz

From Rhode Island
William Jacob & Benjamin Greene
From Greenwich
Chas W. Earle and Jos Anthony
" Swansea
Saml R Buffinton. Henry C Aydelott. Simeon W Luther & Darius Buffinton
" Providence
Samuel Austin. Robert P Gifford & Robert B Hanson.
" South Kingstown
John Babcock and George S Gould, whose names being called were all present except One, for whose absence a reason given

The Queries have all been read at this time with answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings a summary from which being approved by this Meeting for the information of the ensuing "Yearly Meeting" next to be held in the City of Portland in the State of Maine, which with other necessary Extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting are directed to be forwarded thereto by our friends. Samuel R Buffinton Henry C Aydelott. Augustine Jones. Benjamin S Knowles Robert P Gifford Obadiah Chace Charles T Kenyon. Daniel Meader Charles W Earle. Charles Estes and Benjamin A Chace, whom we appoint as our Representatives to attend the same

Swansea Monthly Meeting in their accounts inform that Nathan Chace and Elder and member of that Meeting Died 10th Mo 22d 1888 in the 76th year of his Age, and that Joseph Estes an Elder and Member of the Same Meeting Died 3d mo 26th 1889 Aged 87 Years and 5 Months.

and Providence Monthly Meeting also informs that James Dennis an Elder and Member of that Meeting Died 4th mo 9th 1889 in the 89th year of his Age.

And the Same Meeting also informs that they are United, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Joseph H Atwater and Robert B Hanson and also in the appointment of Ellen H. Buffum and Sarah J Hanson to the Station of Elder, with all of which this and the Womens Meeting also Unites, and the necessary information is directed to be furnished the individuals named, and other requirements connected with the Same in accordance with Discipline

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in their account proposes that the following named Friends, be added as members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight from that Meeting for two years viz

3 Ellwood G Macomber, Mary A Sherman Lydia H Chase. John S Kimber John F Cornell, Robert Wetherell. Nelson R Reed. Hannah C Borden Maria L Cory Geo Mason Chase. Mary W Macomber. William Hoth Abbie A Macomber Joseph E Macomber Benjamin Greene Mary E Kimber — Mary Melissa Clark and Isaac F Macomber 18

And Swansea Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the Re appointment of the following named Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight for two years viz

Herbert A Skinner. Hiram Buffinton Rachel P Chace. Sarah E Buffinton. Parthenia Underwood Sarah J Macomber Anna F Chace Lydia Post. Benjamin A Chace, Maria Earle

Charles A Chace Adaline F Chace. Mary S Buffinton Anna R Chace and Abby C Gifford — 15

And Providence Monthly Meeting informs that in their revision of its list of Members belonging to the Meeting on Ministry that the following named Friends have been appointed thereto from that Meeting for two years viz

Thomas J. Battey Daniel Meader John Meader Louisa H Meader Susan Peckham & Mary W. Collins and M Augusta Battey

With which action of the several Monthly Meetings named, this Meeting Unites having the concurrence of the Ministers Meeting therein, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the required information, in accordance with the discipline

The following Statistical information with the whole number of members composing the membership of the several Monthly Meetings 3d mo 1st 1889, has been received therefrom and is as follows viz

Monthly Meetings	Births	Deaths	Removals Into	Removals Out of	Admissions by Request	No Released or Disowned	No Previously Omitted or Erroneously Returned	Total Member Ship 3d mo 1st 1889
Rhode Island	3	4	1	0	17	2. 1	~	168
Greenwich	0	1	1	0	0	0	~	59
Swansea	4	5	4	1	10	0	~	322
Providence	0	5	3	0	2	1 -	~	208
South Kingstown	0	1	0	1	0	0	~	76
Totals	7	16	9	2	29	3-1	~	833

Total Membership 3 mo 1st 1888 810
" " 3 " 1st 1889 833

Showing an increase of our Membership of 23 during the past year, an Abstract of which is directed to furnished the Ensuing Yearly Meeting

The following Statistics are also furnished in connection with the subject of Education in accordance with the printed Minute No 44 of the Yearly Meeting for the year 1886, and is as follows viz

	No of Children between the ages of 4 & 21	Do. between 12 & 21	No. Attending School	No Attending Schools taught by Friends
Rhode Island	28	10	20	1
Greenwich	5	4	1	0
Swansea	66	44	48	4
Providence	25	14	23	9
South Kingstown	10	8	7	7
Totals	134	80	99	21

Which reports shows the whole Number of Children between 4 & 21. 3mo 1st 1889 to be	134
Do Do Do Between 12 & 21 " "	80
Whole Number Attending School	99
with the Number attending School taught by Frds	21

Which information is directed to be furnished the Yearly Meeting

Our several Monthly Meetings report having raised within there respective limits the following sums in aid of Foreign Mission Work in accordance with the request of the Yearly Meeting. (As per printed Minute No 28 of said Meeting) viz

Rhode Island	18.25
Greenwich	1.00
Swansea	13.00
Providence	60.00
South Kingstown	2.50
Total	$94.75

Which Amounts they also inform has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Committee

There has been Collected within the limits of the following named Monthly Meetings the sum of $ 43.50/100 in aid of the Western Indians viz Rhode Island $9.00 Greenwich $1.00 Swansea $ 12.00 & Providence 21.50 Making a total as above of $ 43.50/100 which Amounts have been forwarded to Anthony Kimber

Treasurer of the Indian Committee

And the Monthly Meetings hereafter named report by their accounts to this Meeting that they have raised the sum set against their respective Names, in aid of "Gospel Work" in accordance with Minute of the Yearly Meeting No 31. 1888. viz

Rhode Island	2.25
Swansea	6.10
Providence	~
So Kingstown	1.00
Greenwich	
Total	$9.35

Which together with the two previous reports are directed to be furnished the Ensuing Yearly Meeting

The Treasurer of this Meeting informs that all the Monthly Meetings have paid their proportion of this Meetings Stock called for in 11th Mo last

Our Treasurer also informs that he paid this Meetings quota of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting previous to the 1st 5th Mo 1889 as directed by said Yr Meeting

Our dear Friend Jesse W. Wilmore a Minister of the Gospel attended this Meeting and produced a Minute of Unity from Barkley Mo Meeting Kansas held 8th Mo 25th 88. Endorsed by Cottonwood Qr Meeting held 9/8/88.

His company and gospel services have been truly acceptable to this Meeting, and the Clerks are directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute

Swansea Mo Meeting informs that they have appointed Emery C Aydelotte as its Correspondent.

Address Fall River Mass

Which information is directed to be furnished the Yearly Meeting

The business of this Meeting being satisfactorily concluded, we again seperate purposing to meet at the usual time at Newport in 8th Mo next should the Lord permit

Summary Answers to the Queries as adopted by the Quarterly Meeting 5th mo 2nd 1889. for the Yearly Meeting to be held at Portland in the State of Maine:

Ans. 1st

All our Meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline have been regularly held with 18 Exceptions in Small Meetings, and with little exception at the appointed hour, Those on First-day mornings have been well attended, Other Meetings Small,

Ans 2d

Love and Unity Nearly Maintained and detraction guarded against with few exceptions, No differences have come to our knowledge

Ans 3d

With little exception Friends are careful in the several parts of this query

Ans 4th We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures in their families and are generally careful as to the other parts of this Query

Ans 5th

Four (4) cases of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. some care taken, a few exceptions in one Meeting with regard to Amusements; Moderation observed

Ans. 6th Care is taken on the several particulars of this Query

Ans 7th Clear as far as appears

Ans. 8th

With few exceptions the several

parts of this query are observed ——

Ans 9th

Records are attended to. Several Removals without Certificates, some care taken

Ans 10th

The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness, and impartially and for the Most part timely

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in 6th Month Next at Portland in the State of Maine

Dear Friends

The queries were all read in this Meeting. accompanied with Answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings composing it, a Summary from which has been adopted thereby for the information of the Ensuing Yearly Meeting and directed to be forwarded thereto with other Extracts from the minutes of this Meeting by our friends Samuel R Buffinton Henry C Aydelott Augustus Jones, Benjamin F Knowles. Robert P Gifford. Obadiah Chace Charles D Kenyon Daniel Meader Charles W Earle, Charles Estes and Benjamin A. Chace whom we appoint as Representatives from this Meeting to attend the same

Swansea Mo. Meeting by its account informs that Nathan Chace an Elder and Member of that Meeting died 10th Mo 22d 1888 in the 76 year of his age, and that Joseph Estes an Elder and Member of the Same Meeting died 3d Mo 26th 1889 aged 87 years and 5 Months, and that Henry C Aydelott had been appointed Correspondent of that Meeting. Address Fall River Mass

Providence Monthly Meeting informs that James Dennis an Elder and Member of that Meeting died 4th mo 9th 1889 aged 89 years

This Meeting has united with Providence Mo Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Joseph H Atwater and Robert B Hanson, and also with the same Mo Meeting in the appointment of Ellen K Buffum and Sarah J Hanson to the Station of Elder and with Rhode Island Swansea and Providence Mo Meetings in the new appointment and reappointment of 30 Members to the Meeting on "Ministry and Oversight" for two years

The following statistical information, with the whole number of Members composing the Membership of this Meeting 3d Mo 1st 1889 has been furnished by the several Mo Meetings viz

Whole number of Members 3d Mo 1st 1888		810
Additions by Births since that date to 3/1/89		7
" " Certificate " "		9
" " Requests		29
Making with the above additions a Membership of		855
From which deduct for		
Removals by Death	16	
" " Certificate	2	
Released & Disowned	4	
Total deduction		22
leaving a total Membership 3d Mo 1st 1889 of		833

an increase in Membership of 23 during the past year

The following information in accordance with the direction of the Yearly Meeting has also been furnished by the Mo Meetings in connection with the subject of Education viz

Number of Children between the ages of 4 & 21 yrs	134
Do Do Do " " 12 & 21 "	80
Do Attending School	99
Do Do Do (taught by or under control of Frds	21

There has been collected within the limits of the different Mo Meetings composing this Meeting in aid of "Foreign Mission Work" $94 & 75/100 and in aid of the Western Indians $45 50/100 and for "Gospel Work" the sum of $9 & 35/100 which several amounts has been forwarded to the Treasurers of the respective concerns in accordance with the direction of the Yearly Meeting

No Changes have occurred during the past year either in the time or places of holding this or any of the subordinate Meetings composing it

Our Treasurer informs that he paid this Meetings Quota of Yearly Meetings Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting previous to 5th mo 1st as directed by the said Meeting

The quotas of the different documents sent down for the use of this and the subordinate Meeting from your Meeting including the "London Printed Epistle" "The Providence Boarding Schools Committees Report" "The Printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting with the change of Discipline in relation to "United Meetings" were all duly received, apportioned and sent down to the several Mo Meetings

Taken from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, by direction of said Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th mo 2nd 1889

Samuel R Buffington
Clerk

Eighth Month 1889

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends at Newport 8 mo 1st 1889, By the accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends were appointed to attend this Meeting as Representatives therefrom viz from,

Rhode Island John Cornell and Joseph S Anthony —

Greenwich
Charles W Earle and Jos. Anthony

Swansea
Saml R Buffinton. Obadiah Chace Chas Estes & Simeon W Luther —

Providence
Thomas Haznell. Benjm F Knowles & Saml Austin —

South Kingstown
Edward W Collins & Wm H Perry

whose names being called all responded thereto except 5 for the absence of 4 a satisfactory reason was given

The Assistant Clerk being absent Robert P Gifford was appointed to that service for the day —

The Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting inform that that they all attended except (3) three

The Queries have all been read at this time with Answers from each of the Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th —

Received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting the following minute in relation to Stock viz

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting this year the sum of Four Thousand dollars which sum our several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to forward to our Treasurer

Samuel R Buffinton, on, or before the first of Fifth Month next. The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting 24 per ct is $960.00 Whereupon we appoint our friends Robert P Gifford and Charles A Chace, a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting, name a sum necessary in their judgment to be raised for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, and name a friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer the ensuing year and report to the Quarterly Meeting in 11 mo next

Also the following minute in connection with the subjects hereafter named viz

This Meeting directs that there be appointed in each Monthly Meeting Committees to assist in raising funds in aid of the Foreign Mission Committee, the Committee on Western Indians and the Committee on Gospel Work, and place the sums raised, in the hands of the Treasurers of those Committees respectively and also that Quarterly Meetings appoint Committees, to co-operate with the Committee on Gospel Work as way may open for it

By direction of the Meeting

Wm O Newhall Clerk

And our several Monthly Meetings, in accordance with the foregoing are directed to appoint committees, to solicit and receive funds in aid of said concerns viz

Foreign Missions, Western Indians. and Gospel Work, and place such amounts as may be collected, with the Treasurers of the committees representing the several differen concerns, and the clerk is directed to furnish the Monthly Meetings with the action of this Meeting thereon. The direction of the Yearly Meeting in relation to Quarterly Meetings appointing Committees to cooperate with the Committee of the Yearly Meetings Committee on Gospel Work as way shall open for it, claiming the consideration of this Meeting, it was concluded to defer action thereon to the next Quarterly Meeting.

The report of the Boarding School at Providence has been received at this time, and the reading thereof is deferred; with directions that the Report be placed upon these Records. and is as follows viz

NOTE. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 11th, 1889. The Spring Term begins Second Month 5th, 1890, and ends Sixth Month 24th, 1890.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee Seventh Month 30th.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be *sure* to apply at the time above stated, Seventh Month 30th.

Applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

The Auditors' Report for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1888, is as follows:

STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT OF BOARDING SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1887-8.

RECEIPTS.

From Elizabeth Fry Fund for Board and Tuition	$1,500 00	
the General Scholarship Fund	5,300 20	
the Charitable Scholarship Fund	2,689 70	
Auxiliary Studies, use of piano, etc.	3,690 33	
all other sources	30,824 98	
		$44,005 21

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries	$13,747 45	
Wages	8,985 21	
Provisions	10,652 57	
Advertising	627 49	
Repairs and renewals	2,974 42	
Water tax	536 38	
Fuel	1,719 02	
Lights	910 86	
Papers and periodicals	57 16	
Incidentals	214 54	
City tax of 1887	2,879 70	
Library	312 44	
Improvements	36 50	
Debts considered bad	341 47	
	$43,995 21	
Leaving a profit on the year's work of	10 00	
		$44,005 21

Total indebtedness last year	$1,719 96
Less profit	10 00
Leaving profit and loss account	$1,709 96

J. H. CHACE,
ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
JAMES O. INMAN,
Auditors.

The most important improvement made at the School for many years, has been the change in the roof of the centre building, and in the roofs of the two original wings.

This extensive work has been under consideration for a long time, and it was believed, could not longer be delayed, without permanent injury to the buildings.

A large number of much needed and highly valuable rooms has been obtained by the alterations, some of which will be particularly useful in sickness. A fine gymnasium for the girls, which was also very much needed, has been secured.

The small and decreasing number of children of Friends in the Yearly Meeting, the vigorous competition resulting from improved schools everywhere, and the establishment of high schools in many of our larger cities, which have a tendency in the minds of parents to keep their children under the home influence, many of whom might under other circumstances send them to this School for education, may account in degree for the apparently small number attending our School for the past few years.

The department of "Carpentry and Wood Carving" which has been carried on for several years, has proved very successful, some of the articles made even by the younger pupils, reflecting credit on both teacher and scholar.

During the past year the attention of the public has been increasingly drawn toward this branch of our work, many persons, some of them ladies from the city of Providence, having joined the classes. Applications for admission to this department are largely beyond our ability to accommodate.

Quite recently we have effected the sale of two more lots of land.

The accompanying Minutes, prepared by direction of the Committee, are referred to the Yearly Meeting for its approval.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by Scholarship from the same Fund of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund of $75.00.

The rates are payable, one-half at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, of $10.00; for one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing $15.00; for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing and Painting $30.00.

It is understood that hereafter no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term, or period of absence.

With renewed thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for mercies past and present, and with a heartfelt invocation that He will be pleased to continue over us His loving care and protection, we conclude.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, R.I., Sixth Month 4th, 1889.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

Providence, R. I., Sixth Month, 1889.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The School Committee, in presenting its Seventieth Annual Report, has the satisfaction of informing the Meeting, that through the entire year the health of the School has been excellent, with few exceptions.

The educational progress has been highly satisfactory.

The religious interest, particularly on the boys' side, has been unusually large and strong; the influence of this element within our borders has a very salutary effect on the discipline of the School.

The average number of scholars has been, boarders, 76 boys and 65 girls, and of day scholars, 8 boys and 11 girls, making an aggregate average of 84 boys and 76 girls.

The Officers of government and instruction the past year have been:

Augustine Jones, A.M., LL.B., Principal, and Political Science.
Thomas Chase, L.T.T.D., LL.D., Greek and Latin — Spring Term.
Marcellus Oakey, Governor, and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
George A. Barton, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Clara A. Winslow, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Edward F. Robinson, A.M., Latin, and in charge of school-room.
Rufus M. Jones, A.M., Modern Languages.
Lucy J. Hawkes, Primary Room.
Mary L. Farnum, M.D., Physiology.
Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music.
Elmer Almy Wilcox, Calisthenics for Boys.
Clara E. Rawson, Calisthenics for Girls.

Providence Monthly Meeting by its account inform that they are united in the appointment of Louisa N Meader to the Station of Elder and Swansea Monthly Meeting by its account inform that they united in adding the name of Charles Estes to the list of members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for two 2 years, with both of the above appointments this Meeting united, the Womens Meeting concurring therein, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information

The Clerk has received through the usual Channel for Printed Matter, this Meeting quota of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting the new Edition of the Book of Meetings or Calender, of Meetings, within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, together with the Boarding School Committee Report. All of which has been apportioned and sent down to the several Mo Meetings respectively

The business which has claimed our attention at this time having satisfactorily concluded, we separate purposing to meet at the usual time in 11 month next at Fall River, should the Lord permit

Samuel R Buffinton, Clerk

Eleventh Month 1889

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 7th 1889, by the accounts received at this time from the different Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed by them to attend this Meeting as Representatives viz

From Rhode Island Benjamin Greene and George M Chase
" Greenwich Chas W Earle and Joseph Anthony
" Swansea Saml C Buffinton Hiram Buffinton Simeon W Luther Charles Leslie & Obadiah Chace
" Providence Robert P Gifford Daniel Meader and Augustine Jones
South Kingstown Edward W Collins and Albert L Collins

whose names being called were responded to except two

The Queries have all been read at this time, with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed in 8th mo last to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting and for other purposes presented the following Report viz

Fall River 11 mo 7 1889

To the Quarterly Meeting

We have examined the Treasurers account and find correct entries with vouchers, and a balance in his hands of Seventeen & 50/100 Dollars.

We propose the sum of Nine hundred & fifty (900) Dollars to be raised for the ensuing year and

that Samuel R Buffinton be appointed
Treasurer of this Meeting

Robert P Gifford }
Charles A Chase } Committee

Which being approved by the Meeting & the recommendations therein United with Samuel R Buffinton is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, and the several Monthly Meetings, are requested to forward their respective quotas of the Sum named to be raised viz (950) dollars to him as Treasurer, with which appointment the Womens Meeting concurs

The Clerk informs that in accordance with the direction of the meeting in 8 Mo last, that he has notified Louisa A Meader and Charles Estes, of the action of that Meeting on their respective appointments, and also furnished the Qr. Meeting on "Ministry and Oversight" with the necessary information -

The subject of the appointment of a Committee by this Meeting to Co-operate with the Yearly Meetings Committee on "Gospel Work", in accordance with the direction of the Yearly Meeting, was deferred at our last Qt Meeting for the action of this Meeting thereon Whereupon We appoint our friends Joseph H. Atwater, Edward W Collins Charles W Earle, Herbert A Skinner and Elwood G Macomber, in which appointment the Womens Meeting has united, and appointed a similar Committee for that purpose to act with those appointed by this Meeting as a joint Committee of this Quarterly Meeting.

Our beloved friend John Paige attended this Meeting, and presented a minute expressing unity with him as a Minister of the Gospel, from Weare Monthly

Meeting of Friends New Hampshire -
Our beloved friend Amos M Kenworthy attended this Meeting with minute of Unity, with him as a Minister of the Gospel from Plainfield Meeting of Friends Ind, These friends have both been acceptably in attendance at this Meeting, and their services accepted by that Meeting, and the Clerks are directed to furnish them with a copy of this Minute and sign the same on our behalf

Our beloved friend Salome E Wheeler a Minister of the Gospel from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends attended this Meeting with a Minute of Unity from that Meeting. The company and services of our dear friend has been acceptable to this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign the Minute made on her behalf by the Womens Meeting.

The London General Epistle has been received by this Meeting, and read, and as we humbly trust to the Satisfaction, encouragement, and comfort of Friends convened at this time.

The business which has claimed the attention of this time, being concluded in harmony and in that love and unity becoming those who love the Lord we separate Adjourning to meet at the usual time in 2d Month next at Providence should the Lord, through continued mercy again permit it

Samuel R Buffinton Clerk

Second Month 1890

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2d mo 6th 1890, the several accounts having been received from the different Monthly Meetings composing it by which we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed by them to attend this Meeting as there Representatives viz from

Rhode Island Benjamin Greene William Jacob & Jacob Almy

Greenwich Joseph Anthony & Chas W Earle

Swansea, Saml R Buffinton Hiram Buffinton Simeon W Luther H C Aydelott & E Chace

Providence Joseph H Atwater B F Knowles Chas H Jattey and Robt P Gifford

South Kingstown George S Gould

whose names being called were all present except 3. for the absence of one a satisfactory excuse was given

Joseph H Atwater on behalf of the Representatives, informed that they had met and conferred together upon the subject of Clerks for this Meeting and that they were united in proposing the name of Samuel R Buffinton for Clerk and Charles W Earle as Assistant Clerk, of this Meeting, for the ensuing year and in accordance with the provision of Discipline relating to Clerks for United Qt Meetings, they have also met by the appointment of one their number with the Women Representatives to the Womens Meeting and they together were united in proposing the name of Saml R Buffinton as clerk and Louisa N Meader as Assistant Clerks, of the Quarterly Meeting should either be held as a United Qt Meeting

which being united with by the meeting they are accordingly appointed to that service.

should any such be held by this Meeting during the Ensuing year, which names having been united with, by this and the Womens Meeting they are accordingly appointed for said service for the Ensuing year

The Queries have all been read at this time, with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from Each of the Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend John Metcalfe acceptable attended this Meeting with a Minute of Unity with him as a Minister from Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th Mo. 25th 1889. and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the above Minute and sign the same on behalf of this Meeting

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting presented with their account the accompanying revised list, as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight from that Meeting for two years Viz

G. Mason Chase ✓
Wm H Beale
Benjamin Greene ✓
Elwood G Macomber ✓
Richd R Macomber
Charles E Dore ✓
John B Cornell ✓
Joseph E Macomber ✓
John S Kimber ✓
Robert Wetherell ✓
Isaac G Macomber ✓
Nelson R Reed ✓
William Holt ✓

Mary A Sherman ✓
Anna P Carr
Hannah C Borden ✓
Mary E Kimber ✓
Lydia H Chase ✓
No Melissa Clark ✓
Mary W Macomber ✓
Mary W Jones
Maria L Cory ✓
Anna L Manchester
Anna B Macomber
and
Abbie A. Macomber ✓ 25

which appointment is united with by this and the Womens Meeting, and they are accordingly appointed as Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for the time named above, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Monthly Meeting with the action

Information sent to R I Mo Meeting as directed 2/8/90 – C H Huffinton Clerk of this Meeting thereon.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting by their account inform that they are united in the appointment of John R Godfrey and Harriet A Shove to the Station of Elders, with which appointment this and the Womens Meeting unites, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the individuals and the "Meeting on "Ministry and Oversight" with the usual information of the Action of this Meeting

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting by their accounts inform that they have paid this Meeting quota of Stock called for in 11 mo last, and the Treasurer informs that Greenwich Mo Meeting has also paid their proportion of the same, and Swansea & Greenwich Mo Meetings also by their accounts inform that they have directed their Treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting, their quota of this Meeting Stock.-

The business of this Meeting being concluded in harmony and to our satisfaction, we seperate purposing to meet at the usual time in 5th mo next at East Greenwich R I should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffington
Clerk

Fifth Month 1890

At "Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends" held at East Greenwich 5 Mo 1st 1890, By the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings it is informed that the persons hereafter named were appointed by them to attend that Meeting as their Representatives viz

Rhode Island. Benjamin Green, Joseph E Macomber and Albert Lawrence

Greenwich Charles W. Earle and Joseph Anthony

Swansea Samuel R Buffinton. Charles A Chace, Horace Buffinton and Henry C Aydelott

Providence Benjamin F Knowles, Joseph H. Atwater and Robt P Gifford

South Kingstown John Babcock and William H Perry

whose names being called all responded thereto Except 2. for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was given

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings a summary from which has been read and approved by this Meeting, for the information of the Ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Newport in the State of Rhode Island, which with other Extracts from our Minutes, the Clerk is directed to forward thereto by our friends Samuel R Buffinton, Obadiah Chace, Robert P Gifford Henry C Aydelott, Charles A Chace John Babcock, William H Perry Augustine Jones, Charles W Earle

Daniel Meader and Elwood G. Macomber whom we appoint as the Representatives from this Meeting thereto

* Greenwich Monthly Meeting in its accounts inform that John R Godfrey an Elder and member of that Meeting died 4 mo 13 aged 69 Years 10 Mo and 6 days. Also Edward Buffinton an Elder and Member died 4 Mo 27th in the 78 year of his age

Providence Monthly Meeting informs that they have united with the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. in the appointment of Daniel Meader to the Station of Elder which is united with

* Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs that Mary Abee Gifford a Minister and Member of that Meeting died 5 Mo 16th 1889 in the 48th Year of her age, and that Josiah Chace an Elder and Member died 4 Mo 21st 1890 in the 87th Year of his age

Providence Monthly Meeting also informs that Charlotte D Holmes a Minister and Member of that Meeting died 6 mo 29th 1889 in the 61st Year of her age

This Meeting has united with our Womens Meeting in the appointment of Phebe H Kenworthy to the Station of Elder, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the usual information in such appointments

Our Treasurer informs that Rhode Island. Greenwich. Providence and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings have paid their quota of this Meetings Stock called for in 11 Mo 1889—

Our Monthly Meetings hereafter named by their accounts to this Meeting inform that they have raised the several Amounts hereafter named, in aid of the following named Concerns of the Yearly Meeting viz

	For Mission Work:	W. Indians	G. Work
Rhode Island	15.00	9.50	2.25
Greenwich	3.00	3.00	3.00
Swansea	17.60	13.00	4.00
Providence	100.00	10.00	0.00
South Kingstown	$ 2.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Totals	$ 137.60	$ 35.50	$ 9.25

Which several sums have been forwarded or directed to be forwarded to the Treasurers of the different Committees of the Yearly Meeting, which information is directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting

The accompanying Statistical information together with the whole number of Members Constituting the several Monthly Meeting 3 mo 1st 1890 has been received therefrom and is as follows viz

	Births	Deaths	Removals Into	Removals Out of	Admitted by Request	Released	Previously omitted	Total Membership 3/1/90
Rhode Island	1	4	6	3	5	2	0	171
Greenwich	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
Swansea	7	5	2	3	3	3	0	323
Providence	0	6	2	0	0	2	1	201
South Kingstown	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	81
Totals	8	15	10	7	14	7	1	835

Which reports show ~~the~~ whole number of our Membership 3 mo 1st 1890 to be 835
Do. 3 mo 1st 1889 — 833
showing an increase in Membership of 2
during the past year, an Abstract of which is directed to be furnished the Ensuing Yearly Meeting

The following Statistics is also furnished by the Monthly Meetings in connection with the subject of Education, which is as follows viz

Monthly Meetings	Number of Children between 4 & 21 Yrs	Number between 12 & 21 Yrs	Number Attending School	Number Attending School taught by Friends
Rhode Island	29	12	21	1
Greenwich	4	2	0	0
Swansea	71	45	44	6
Providence	26	16	24	8
South Kingstown	6	10	12	3
Totals	136	85	101	18

By which information we are informed that the whole number of Children within our limits between the ages of 4 and 21 Yrs are 136
Do Do Do " " " 12 " 21 " " 85
Number Attending School is 101
" " " taught or under care of Frds " 18

Which information is also directed to be forwarded to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting.

This Meeting requests that the Yearly Meeting be asked to reconsider the apportionment of Stock made by the Meeting last year, which request is united with the Womens Meeting.

This Meeting very fully realizing at this time the importance of the subject of Peace in connection with the acts of the United States Government", in connection with the spending of such large sums of Money for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the Navy of this country, the accompanying Petition is directed to be signed by the Clerks of this Meeting, addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and forwarded to its proper destination - our Womens Meeting uniting therein - Which is as follows viz

To the Senate & House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled -

The petition of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, a branch of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England &c;

Respectfully represents That in Common with our fellow members of this Religious Society, wherever located, we view with deep concern and regret, whatever tends to waste our National resources, to promote War or to foster the Military Spirit.

That solicitous for the prosperity and honor of our beloved Country, we therefore respectfully Entreat you to reject the recommendations of the Senate Naval Committee, and other Measures which propose large expenditure for the Navy for the so called Coast defences and other warlike expenditures, all of which we regard as a Menace to the peace and security of the Nation. As Representatives of a Christian people and of States united to mutual advantage may you rather be encouraged to so extend the blessing as to be instrumental in promoting a Confederation of the Nations and in advancing the reign of Universal Peace on Earth, good will toward men

Signed on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid, held at East Greenwich Rhode Island on the 1st of 5th mo 1890

Samuel R Buffinton }
Louisa S. Meader } Clerks

The business of this Meeting which has claimed our attention at this time, having been completed in harmony and to our satisfaction we separate purposing to meet at the usual time in 8th mo next at Newport should the Lord permit

Samuel R Buffinton Clerk

A Summary of the Answers to the Queries as adopted by the Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 1st 1890. for the next Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport in the State of Rhode Island in 6mo 1890-

Answer 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held Except 26 Meetings for Worship First Day Morning Meetings generally well attended; Other Meetings are reported with some Exceptions as to attendance and observance of the hour

Answer 2d Love and Unity are Nearly maintained, Detraction guarded against, When differences arise Endeavors are used to End them.

Answer 3d With little exception Friends are Careful to maintain a religious life and Conversation, and to train their Children and those under their Care as queried After

Answer 4th We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures as queried after and Encourage their Children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty With exceptions in One Meeting our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry is maintained.

Answer 5th Seven (7) cases reported of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Some use tobacco. Generally careful in the other particulars of this Query

Answer 6th Care is taken in the several parts of this query

Answer 7th Clear as to the several parts of this Query With little Exception in one Meeting as to Military Matters

Answer 8th With little exception we believe Friends are careful to comply with the several requirements of this Query

Answer 9th
Careful as to Records. Several removals without certificates under Notice

Answer 10th
Friends Endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in 6mo next at Newport in the State of Rhode Island.

Dear Friends
The Queries were all read in this Meeting, accompanied with answers thereto, from all the Monthly Meetings composing it. A summary from which has been approved thereby for your information and directed to be forwarded to you with other Extracts from the minutes of this Meeting by our friends Samuel R Buffinton Obadiah Chace, Henry C Aydelott. Charles A Chace. John Babcock, William H Perry Augustus Jones Charles W Earle, Daniel Meader and Elwood G Macomber, who are appointed as Representatives therefrom to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting

This Meeting united with Greenwich Mo Meeting in the appointment of John R Godfrey and Harriet A Shove to the Station of Elders and with Swansea Mo Meeting in the appointment of Phebe M Kenworthy and with Providence in the appointment of Louisa A Meader and Daniel Meader to the same Station, and with Swansea and Providence Mo Meetings in the addition of 2 Associate Members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and with Swansea Mo Meeting in the discontinuance of the First Day Afternoon Meeting at Fall River Mass.

Rhode Island Mo Meeting by its account inform that Mary Alice Gifford a Minister and Member of that Meeting died 5th mo 16th 1889 in the 48th year of her age, and that Josiah Chace an Elder and member of that Meeting died 4th mo 21st 1890 in the 87th year of his age

Greenwich Mo Meeting informs that John R. Godfrey an Elder and Member of that Meeting died 4 mo 13th 1890 in the 70th year of his age and that Edward Buffinton an Elder and Members of the same Meeting died 4 mo 27th 1890 in the 78th year of his age

Providence Mo Meeting also informs that Charlotte D Holmes a Minister and member of that Meeting died 6th mo 29th 1889 in the 61st year of her age

This Meeting is united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to reconsider its apportionment of Stock made last year among the several Quarterly Meetings, And it has also directed its Treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting its quota called for last year

The following Statistical information with the whole number of Members composing this Meeting has been furnished by the several Mo Meetings,

Whole Number of Members 3 mo 1st 1889	833
Additions by Births to 3 mo 1st 1890 —	8
" " Certificates " " " "	10
" " Requests " " "	14
Total additions from 3/1/89 to 3/1/90 —	32
From which deduct for Removals	
By Death	15
" Certificate	7
" Released or Disowned	7
For Member Erroneously returned	1
Total deductions from same dates —	30
And showing an increase of membership the past year of	2
Making a total Membership 3 mo 1st 1890 of	835

The following information in Connection with the subject of Education has also been received from the Mo Meetings in Conformity with the direction of Yearly Meeting viz

Whole number of Children between the ages of 4 & 21 -	136
" " do " " " 12 & 21	85
" " Attending School	101
" " " taught by or under the Control of Friends	18

By the Accounts from the different Mo Meetings we are informed that the following Amounts has been Collected within their limits in aid of the following Concerns of the Yearly Meeting viz

In Aid of Foreign Mission Work	137.60
" " " The Western Indians	35.50
And " " " Gospel Work	9.25
Total Collections	$182.35

Which several sums they also inform has been forwarded or directed to be forwarded to the Treasurers of the respective Committees of the different Concerns in accordance with with the direction of the Yearly Meeting -

Our quota of the several different documents sent down by your Meeting, including the London Printed Epistle for 1889. The Boarding Schools Committees report and the Printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting were all duly received, and sent down to the several Mo Meetings, and the receipt of the same acknowledged by them

Taken from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends by direction and on behalf of said Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 2nd 1890

Samuel R Buffinton
Clerk

Eighth Month 1890

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 mo 7th 1890 the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings being received. We are thereby informed that they have appointed the following named Friends as Representatives hereto viz From

Rhode Island Joseph S Anthony and
Joseph E Macomber

Greenwich
Joseph Anthony & Charles D Kenyon

Swansea
Benjamin A Chace, Amos M
Kenworthy and Obadiah Chace

Providence
Robert S Gifford Daniel Meader
and Thomas Chace

So. Kingstown
George S Gould & William E Perry

Whose names being called responded thereto except 4 and for the absence of 2 a sufficient reason was rendered.

The Queries have all been read with Answers to the number furnished to this Meeting.

The Representatives to the late Yearly Meeting from this inform that they all attended.

The following minute has been received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting relative to Stock viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting this year the sum of Four Thousand Dollars, of which sum our several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective quotas to Samuel R Buffinton our Treasurer on or before the first of Eighth Month next. The quota for your Quarterly Meeting 24 per ct = $960.00

William C. Newhall Clerk

Whereupon we appoint Obadiah Chace and Rachel C. Meader, a Committee to Audit the accounts of the Treasurer Name a sum to be raised sufficient for the use of this Meeting, and name a friend for Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing Year, and report to the Quarterly Meeting in 11 mo next.

The following Minutes from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting to this Meeting, upon the subjects hereafter named therein has been received and are as follows viz

Our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to aid the Yearly Meetings Committee on "Gospel Work" in the furtherance of the object of their appointment. (See Minute 47 of Printed Minutes of this Year)

Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to appoint a Committee from each of the Monthly Meetings, to aid the members of the Yearly Meetings Committee from their own Quarterly Meeting, in relation to the best method of raising Money for the use of the Yearly Meeting (as per Minute 51 of Printed Minutes)

Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to answer Annually to the Yearly Meeting the following additional questions in reference to the Statistics of Children viz

How many Children between the ages of 12 and 21 years are attending Schools taught or controlled by Friends (See Minute 15)

Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint as heretofore, Committees to assist in Raising additional funds in aid of the Yearly Meetings Committees upon Foreign Missions (see Minute 37) Gospel Work (see Minute 47) and Western Indians (see Minute 56) and place the sums so raised in the hands of the Treasurers of those Committees respectively

By direction of the Meeting aforesaid
William O. Newhall
Clerk

Whereupon in conformity with the request of the Yearly Meeting, as by aforesaid Minute, of the same, this Meeting appoints the following named friends, to unite with such as may be appointed by the Womens Meeting, to render such aid to the Yearly Meetings Committee on Gospel Work, as will further the object of their appointment viz Nelson R Reed. Joseph S Anthony Charles A Chace Thomas Chace & George S Gould.

And in accordance with the foregoing Minute of the Yr Meeting, this Meeting appoints in accordance therewith, the following named friends, as its committee to aid the Members of the Yearly Meetings Committee from this Qr Meeting, in relation to the best method of raising money for the use of the said Yearly Meeting (See printed Minute No 51) viz from

R. Island Mo Meeting
Joseph S Anthony and Charles E Dore —
Greenwich
Chas W. Earle and Charles Kenyon
Swansea
Edwd R Buffinton & Obadiah Chace
Providence
Daniel Meader & Robert B Hanson
So Kingstown
Wm H Perry and George S Gould

This Meeting pursuant with Minute of the Yearly Meeting, requests its Monthly Meetings to appoint Committees, to aid the Yr Meetings Committees, in raising additional funds as heretofore, for the carrying on the work of Foreign Missions, Gospel Work and for the Western Indians, and place the sum raised in there respective limits, in the hands of the Treasurers of those committees respectively. And they are also requested to report Annually, hereafter, in addition to former Statistical reports (in 5th mo each year in connection with the subject of Education the Number of Children between the ages of 12 and 21. years, attending Schools taught or controlled by Friends. (See Printed Minutes of the Yr Meeting No 15) and the Clerk is directed to inform the Monthly Meetings of the action of this Meeting thereon

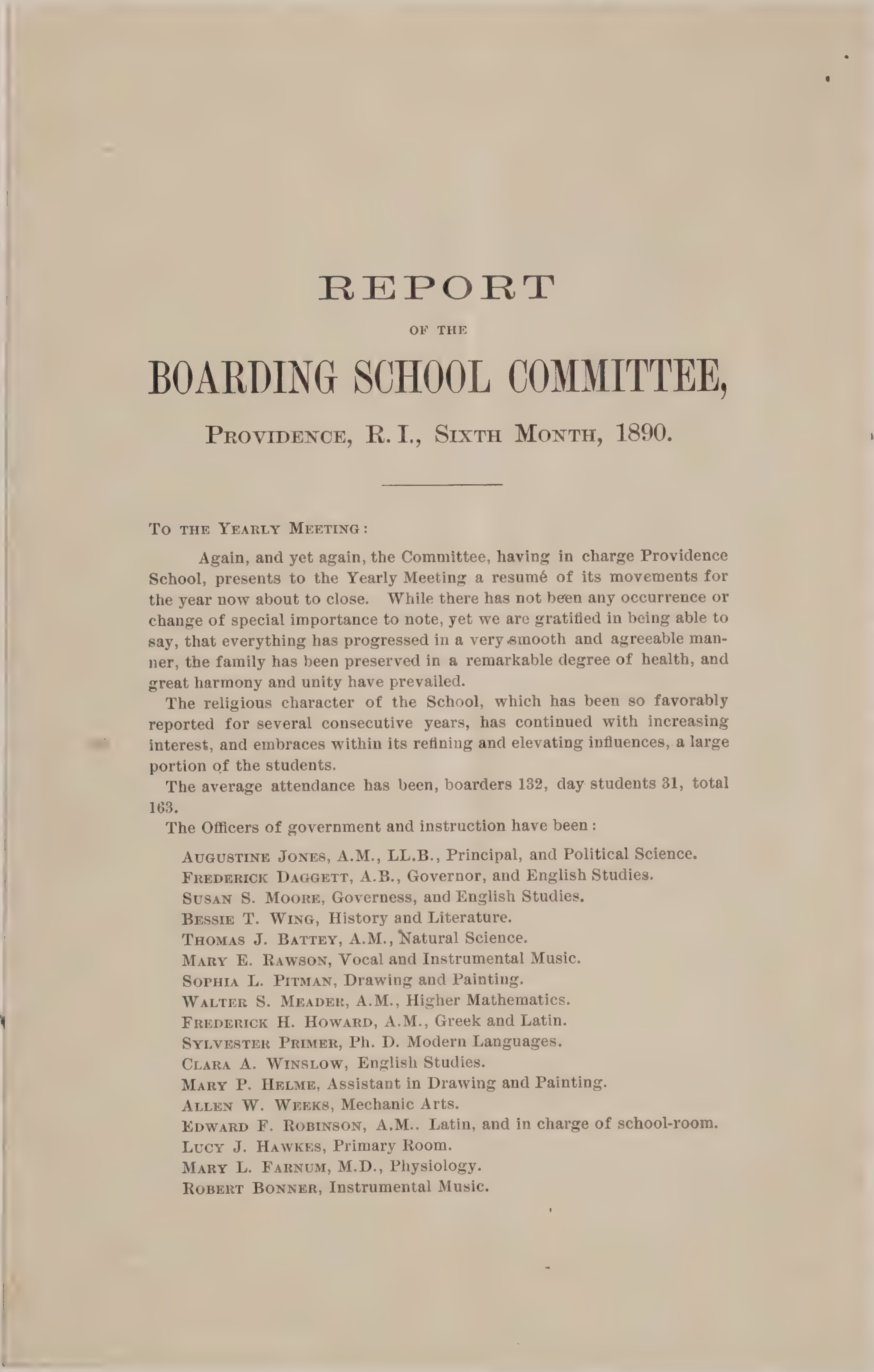
Our Treasurer informs that Swansea Monthly Meeting has paid its quota of this Meetings Stock called for in 11 mo last, since the holding of the Yearly Meeting in 6 mo last, and that this Meetings quota of Yearly Meeting Stock has since been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting

The quota of the Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting, for this Meeting has been received by its Clerk, and the same apportioned and sent down to the several Monthly Meetings constituting it

Swansea Monthly Meeting inform by there accounts to this Meeting, that they have united with the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of that Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Sarah M Otis with which this meeting and the Womens Meeting unites, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the usual information in such matters

The report of the committee having charge of Providence School, has been received at this time, and Extracts read therefrom and the report is directed to be placed upon the Records of this Meeting. the

the several Monthly Meetings having been furnished with copies of the same previous to this date and is as follows viz



REPORT

OF THE

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., SIXTH MONTH, 1890.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Again, and yet again, the Committee, having in charge Providence School, presents to the Yearly Meeting a resumé of its movements for the year now about to close. While there has not been any occurrence or change of special importance to note, yet we are gratified in being able to say, that everything has progressed in a very smooth and agreeable manner, the family has been preserved in a remarkable degree of health, and great harmony and unity have prevailed.

The religious character of the School, which has been so favorably reported for several consecutive years, has continued with increasing interest, and embraces within its refining and elevating influences, a large portion of the students.

The average attendance has been, boarders 132, day students 31, total 163.

The Officers of government and instruction have been:

AUGUSTINE JONES, A.M., LL.B., Principal, and Political Science.
FREDERICK DAGGETT, A.B., Governor, and English Studies.
SUSAN S. MOORE, Governess, and English Studies.
BESSIE T. WING, History and Literature.
THOMAS J. BATTEY, A.M., Natural Science.
MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.
WALTER S. MEADER, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
FREDERICK H. HOWARD, A.M., Greek and Latin.
SYLVESTER PRIMER, Ph. D. Modern Languages.
CLARA A. WINSLOW, English Studies.
MARY P. HELME, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.
EDWARD F. ROBINSON, A.M.. Latin, and in charge of school-room.
LUCY J. HAWKES, Primary Room.
MARY L. FARNUM, M.D., Physiology.
ROBERT BONNER, Instrumental Music.

The business of this Meeting claiming our attention at this time having been brought to a satisfactory conclusion we separate purposing to meet in 11 mo next at Fall River, at the usual hour should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

Clara E. Rawson, Calisthenics for Girls.
Edward F. Robinson, A.M., Secretary and Book-keeper.
Annie E. Ewer, Librarian.

LECTURER.

Thomas J. Battey, Natural Science.

The Auditor's Report for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1889, is as follows:

STATEMENT FOR SETTLEMENT OF SCHOOL YEAR 1888–89. ENDING SEVENTH MONTH 1st, 1889.

RECEIPTS.

From Charitable Scholarship Fund	$2,485 30	
E. Fry Fund	1,500 00	
General Scholarship Fund	7,630 73	
Board and tuition	31,507 25	
Auxiliary studies, use of pianos, etc.	3,654 56	
		$46,777 84

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries	$16,000 35	
Wages	9,226 46	
Provisions	9,831 66	
Advertising	830 29	
Repairs and renewals	3,179 35	
Library	258 34	
Water	477 61	
Fuel	1,635 12	
Light	984 77	
Papers and periodicals	42 84	
Incidentals	207 60	
City tax	2,994 25	
Improvements	834 53	
Debts considered bad	271 33	
Profit on the year's work	3 34	
		$46,777 84

J. H. CHACE,
SAM'L R. BUFFINTON,
ROB'T P. GIFFORD,
JAMES O. INMAN,
} *Auditors.*

Olney Street, which bounds the School premises on the north having been broadened to 60 feet in width, has made a very decided improvement to that part of our grounds, which, with a great change in the facility for reaching the part of the city in which the School is located, has already stimulated the building of houses in that section, and may result advantageously to the School.

In the Sixth Month, 1888, the Yearly Meeting changed the tenure of the Providence School Funds, from the care, in general, of a single Treas-

everal Monthly Meetings having been
ished with Copies of the same previous
date and is as follows viz

urer, to a Board of Three Trustees; and as the change has not worked well in practice, the School Committee now recommends to the Yearly Meeting to return to the custom pursued for so many years, of appointing a Treasurer, having reference in the selection of such Treasurer, to a person residing conveniently near to the School.

And the Committee further recommends to the Yearly Meeting, to reenact the minute, No. 17, of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of 1882.

We have to report the recent death of one of our number, Benjamin F. Knowles, who died on the 18th of 5th month. By his removal the Committee loses an esteemed and valued member, whose promptness in attendance upon our meetings, and whose interest in the School are alike worthy of commendation and of imitation.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75.00.

The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German of $10.00; for one year's instruction in pencil drawing, $15.00; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.00.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except, when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

With gratitude and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the many mercies and blessings vouchsafed all through the year, we conclude, again commending the School to the kindly care and consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL, R.I., Sixth Month 3d, 1890.

NOTE. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 10th, 1890. The Spring Term begins Second Month 4th, 1891, and ends Sixth Month 23d, 1891.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 12th, 1890.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund, should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 12th, 1890.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

business of this Meeting claiming our
ention at this time having been
ght to a satisfactory conclusion
separate purposing to meet in 11 mo
at Fall River, at the usual hour
ed the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

Eleventh Month 1890

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 16th 1890, By the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings at this time they inform that they appointed Representatives to this Meeting namely —

From Rhode Island Thomas B Buffum & Charles E Boyd —
" Greenwich Chas W. Earle & Joseph Anthony
Swansea Saml R Buffinton, Phineas D Fletcher & Charles A Chace
" Providence Robert B Hanson Robert P Gifford & John W Meader —
So Kingstown William H Perry. Whose names being called all responded thereto except One

The committee appointed to Audit the Treasurers Accts and for other purposes presented the following Report viz

Fall River 11 mo 6th 1890

To Rhode Island Qr Meeting

Your Committee appointed to audit the Treasurers Accts and for other purposes, have attended to our appointment, and find his accounts Correct with proper vouchers for Monies paid out and a balance of $6.00 in his hands. We propose that the Sum of Nine hundred and Sixty ($960) be raised for the use of the Meeting, and that Robert P Gifford be appointed Treasurer for the Ensuing year

Daniel Meader }
Obadiah Chace } Committee

The Queries have all been read at this time, with Answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from the several Monthly Meetings

Which is Acceptable to this Meeting, and the recommendations therein named are also united with, and Robert P Gifford is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year, and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward there respective quotas of the sum agreed upon to be raised viz $ 960 for the use of this Meeting the Ensuing year, to the Treasurer above named, with which appointment the Womens Meeting Concurs, and our former Treasurer is requested to turn over to the newly appointed Treasurer, all Monies and papers in his hands, belonging to this Meeting taking his receipt therefor

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs by its accounts that they are united in the appointment of Joseph Anthony to the Station of Elder, with which appointment this and the Womens Meeting Unites. And this Meeting unites with the Womens Meeting in the appointment of Mary Arnold, from the same Monthly Meeting to the same Station

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And Providence Monthly Meeting by its accounts also informs that they are united in the appointment of John H Meader to the same Station; with which appointment this and the Womens Meeting unites, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information in such appointments

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The quota of the London General Printed Epistle for this Meeting has been received & apportioned and sent down to the several Mo Meetings the reading of which is directed to be dispensed with by this Meeting at this time

The Clerk informs that the several Matters Entrusted to him to forward as information to individuals and the Monthly Meetings has been attended to -

This Meeting is united in the appointment of the following named friends to consider the Expediency of a longer recess between the Meeting for Worship and the Business Meeting of the Quarterly Meeting, and report their judgment to this Meeting in 2d mo next by William J Edle, Chas. H. Earle Herbert A Skinner, Robert P Gifford and William H Perry –

South Kingstown Mo Meeting informs by its accounts, that they are united in the discontinuance of their Fifth day Meeting for Worship until further Notice, which is united with by this and the womens Meeting. The business of this Meeting being satisfactory and harmoniously concluded, We again seperate purposing to meet at the usual time in Second Month next at Providence should the Lord permit

Saml. R. Buffinton Clerk

Second Month 1891

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence (2 mo 5/1891 It is informed by the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, that they have appointed Representatives to this Meeting as follows viz

From Rhode Island
Joseph S. Anthony and Thos. B Buffum

Greenwich Chas W. Earle & Joseph Anthony

Swansea - Saml R Buffinton. Chas E. Dore, Chas Estes. Obadiah Chace & Darius Buffinton

Providence Robert P. Hanson. Thos Chace Daniel Meader & Joseph H Atwater

So. Kingstown Geo S Gould & Wm. H Perry

whose names being called responded thereto Except (2) two

Obadiah Chace on behalf of the Representatives to this Meeting informed the Meeting that they had met in Conference upon the subject of Clerks for this Meeting the Ensuing year and that they proposed the name of Samuel R. Buffinton for Clerk and Charles W. Earle for Assistant Clerk thereof and the names proposed were united with by this Meeting and they are accordingly appointed to that service respectively for the Ensuing year.

And in pursuance with the requirements of Discipline, in relation to United Quarterly Meetings, they have also met the Women Representatives to their Meeting, upon the subject of Clerks for such Meetings, (Should such be held) and they together, are united in proposing the Name of Saml R Buffinton as Clerk and Louisa A Meader as Assistant Clerk of said Meetings when so held, which propositions being united with by this and the Womens Meeting. they are accordingly appointed for the service above named for the Ensuing year.

The Queries have all been read at this time with Answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from each of the Monthly Meetings

Robert P Gifford on behalf of the Committee appointed in 11 Mo last to consider the Expediency of a longer Recess between the Meeting for Worship and the business Meeting of the Quarterly Meeting, made a verbal report of this purport by that the Committee had Conferred together upon the subject, and are not prepared to report favorably for any change at this time, which report is accepted and the Committee discharged from further service

Our Clerk informs that, she has furnished
the necessary information, as required
at our last Meeting, to the individuals
who were appointed to the Station of
Elder from Greenwich and Providence
Mo Meetings, and also to the Q Mtg on
Ministry and Oversight

Rhode Island
Mo Meeting by their accounts inform
that they have directed their proportion the payment of
of this Meetings Stock called for in
11 Mo last, and the Treasurer of this Meeting
informs that the same has been paid

Greenwich, Swansea and South Kingstown
Mo Meetings also inform that they have
directed the payment of their proportions
of said Stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting

Swansea Monthly Meeting by its
accounts informs that they have
united with the Preparative Meeting on
Ministry and Oversight of that Meeting in
the appointment of Effie Fleck as
an Associate Member of that Meeting,
which appointment being united with
by this and the Womens Meeting she is
accordingly appointed as a Member of
the Meetings on Ministry and Oversight for
(2) two years and the Clerk is directed to
furnish the necessary information in the case

The receipt from our present Treasurer R P.
Gifford for the balance of Money by $600
and the Books and papers, in the hands
of our former Treasurer, was received and
read

Our dear friend Nathan Douglass
a Minister of the Gospel, attended this
Meeting, with minute of Unity from Durham
Mo Meeting held 8/9/90 – Their company
and services in the Gospel, has not only
been satisfactory but acceptable and comforting
to this Meeting, and the Clerks are directed
to furnish him with a copy of this Minute
and sign the same on our behalf

The business of this Meeting being satisfactorily concluded we separate purposing to meet at the usual time at East Greenwich in 5th Mo next should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 1891

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 7th 1891. the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings being received. We are thereby informed that they have appointed Representatives to this Meeting. as follows Viz

From Rhode Island Joseph S. Anthony & Albert W. Lawrence
" Greenwich Joseph Anthony & Chas W Earle
" Swansea Obadiah Chace. Charles E Dore Chas A Chace & Lemuel Chace
" Providence Chas D Kenyon Thos J Mitchell Robert P Gifford & Danl Meader
" So Kingstown John Babcock & William H Perry

Whose names being called, they each responded thereto

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting, with Answers to the same from the several Mo Meetings constituting it, from which a Summary has been read and approved by this Meeting, for the information of the Ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Portland, in the State of Maine, which with other extracts from our Minutes the Clerk is directed to forward to the said Yearly Meeting, and we appoint our friends Saml R Buffinton, Robert P Gifford, Benjamin Greene, Henry C Hydelott, Daniel Meader, Lemuel Chace, Augustine Jones, Charles A Chace, Charles W Earle, Obadiah Chace Robert B Hawson, Joseph H Atwater William H Teale and Joseph E Macomber as Representatives from this Meeting to attend the same

For the Mo Mtg

Rhode Island Mo Meeting by its accounts inform that they are united in the appointment of Winfield S Sisson Emma A Greene and Ruth Wetherell as associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for two years

Greenwich Mo Meeting informs that Solomon R Knowles, an Elder and member of that Meeting, died 6mo 18th 1890 aged 82 yrs 9 mos and 15 days

[illegible] Mo Mtg

Swansea Mo Meeting by its accounts at this time inform that, that Meeting was united in the appointment of Charles E Dore, and in the re-appointment of Maria Earle Benjamin A Chace Rachel P Chace Sarah E Buffinton Herbert A Skinner, Horace Buffinton Abby C Gifford Lydia Post Anna R Chace Chas A Chace Parthenia Underwood Ann F Chace Mary S Buffinton Adaline F Chace Sarah W Macomber Effie Fleck and Chas Estes as Associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for two years

Providence Mo Meeting's accounts contain the following information viz

Benjamin F Knowles an Elder and member of that Meeting died 5th mo 18th 1890 aged 77 yrs 7 mo and 14 days and that they are united in the appointment of Thomas Chace and Thomas J Battey to the Station of Elder and that the following appointments has been made to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. as Associate Members thereof by Samuel Austin M Augusta Battey Anna H Meader Susan Peckham and Elizabeth A Gifford. which appointments are united with by this and the Womens Meeting - and the Clerk is directed to furnish the usual informations to the individuals named and also the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

South Kingstown Mo Meeting also informs that Edward M Collins A Minister and Member of that Meeting died 8 mo 6th 1890 Aged 64 Years 3 mos and 18 days

Ruth Ann Collins an Elder and Member died 12 mo 15th 1890 Aged 76 yrs 6 mos and 3 days, which information together with that from Greenwich and Providence Mo Meeting is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting -

The several Mo Meetings report that their respective quotas of this Meeting Stock called for in 11 Mo last has been paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting, and he informs that this Meetings quota of Yearly Mtg Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting

Our dear friend Adelia C. Mann a Minister in unity laid before this Meeting a concern for Gospel service within the limits of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, with which this and the Womens Meeting unites, and and the Expression of this Meeting is directed to be Endorsed upon the Certificate, furnished her by Providence Mo Meeting, and sign the same ~~on~~ on behalf

This Meeting is United in Asking the Yearly Meeting, to consider the subject of a New Apportionment of Yearly Meeting Stock among the several Quarterly Meetings.

This Meeting has appointed the following named Friends viz Obadiah Chase. Saml R. Buffinton, Daniel Meader and Robert P. Gifford, a Committee of this Meeting with whom a committee of Greenwich Mo Meeting may confer and advise, in reference to repairs and alterations upon ~~our~~ their Meeting House at East Greenwich.

The following Statistical information together with the whole Number of Members, constituting this Meeting 3rd mo 1st 1891 has been received from the several Monthly Meetings and is as follows viz

Monthly Meetings viz	Births	Deaths	Removed Into	Removed Out of	Admitted by Request	Released or Disowned	Previously Omitted	Total Membership 3 mo 1st 1891
R. Island	0	2	2	10	8	1	0	168
Greenwich	0	6	1	4	0	0	0	50
Swansea	5	2	9	6	6	0	0	335
Providence	0	2	5	2	2	4	0	200
So. Kingstown	1	2	4	0	6	0	0	90
Totals	6	14	21	22	22	5	0	843

Which information shows the Membership of this Meeting to be 3 mo 1st 1891 — 843
Membership — 3 " 1 1890 — 835
Showing an increase in Membership of 8 members during the past year, which information is directed to be furnished the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

The following information has also been furnished by each of the Mo Meetings in connection with the subject of Education viz

Monthly Meetings	No. Children between 4 & 21 Yrs	No. between 12 & 21 Yrs	Number Attending School	Do Do taught by Friends	Do Do Attending School taught or controlled by Fds between 12 & 21 Yrs
Rhode Island	28	13	20	3	2
Greenwich	7	2	1	0	0
Swansea	73	46	51	5	3
Providence	23	17	23	7	5
So. Kingstown	15	8	12	3	3
Totals	146	86	107	18	13

By which Statement we are informed that the Whole Number of Children within the limits of this Meeting between the Ages of 4 & 21 Yrs to be 146
Do Do between 12 & 21 " " 86
Number Attending School 107
Do Do Do taught by Friends 18
Do. Do Do taught or Controlled by Friends 13

The Mo Meetings hereafter named inform that they have raised the several Amounts in aid of the following named Concerns of the Yearly Meeting in accordance with the direction of said Meeting viz

	Foreign Mission Work	For Western Indians	Gospel Work
Rhode Island	16.00	1225	1.50
Greenwich	3.00	3.00	3.00
Swansea	5.45	14.00	10.50
Providence	3000	20.00	0.00
So Kingstown	2.00	200	0.00
Totals	56.45	49.25	15.00

Which several amounts have either been or directed to be forwarded to the Treasurers of the respective concerns of the Yearly Meeting an abstract of which with the Statistics upon Education are directed to be furnished the Ensuing Yearly Meeting. The business claiming our attention being concluded we seperate purposing to meet at the usual time at Newport in 8 mo next should the Lord permit Samuel R Buffinton Clerk

Summary Answers to the Queries adopted by the Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th mo 7th 1891 and forwarded to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting to be held in Portland State of Maine in 6mo 1891

Ans 1st

All our Meetings for Religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except 19 small Meetings, Those on First day Morning and for discipline generally well attended, Most of our Mid week Meetings have been much neglected The hour nearly Observed

Ans 2d

Love and Unity nearly Maintained, detraction guarded against, when differences arise Endeavors are used to End them

Ans 3d

Friends appear to observe the several requirements of this Query

Ans 4th

With little Exception Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures as queried after, and our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry is nearly maintained

Ans 5th

With Eight (8) Exceptions we are clear as to intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements and diversions avoided with few Exceptions, True moderation in all things nearly observed

Ans 6th

Friends are careful to attend to to the several requirements of this query

Ans 7th
We believe Friends maintain our testimony in the several parts of this Query.

Ans 8th
With exceptions in two Meetings we are clear in the several parts of this query

Ans 9th
Recording is attended to. Some removals without certificates under Notice

Ans 10th
We endeavor to administer the discipline in christian tenderness timely and impartially.

The following recapitulation of the business of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich 5 mo 7th 1891, with other Extracts from the Minutes of said Meeting, from 5 mo 1st 1890 to the above date was addressed "To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends" to be held in 6 mo next at Portland Maine

Dear Friends
The queries were all read in this Meeting, with answers to each from all the Monthly Meetings composing it. A summary from which has been approved thereby, which with other Extracts from the minutes of this meeting, the Clerk is directed to forward to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting for its information, and we appoint our friends Samuel B Buffinton Robert P Gifford Benjamin Greene, Henry C Aydelott Daniel Meader, Lemuel Chace. Augustine Jones. Charles A Chace. Charles W Earle Obadiah Chace, Robert B Hanson Joseph H Atwater, William H Peale and Joseph E Macomber as representatives from this meeting to attend the same

This Meeting has united with Greenwich Mo Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Anthony and Mary Arnold to the Station of Elder, and with Swansea Mo Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Sarah M. Olvis, and with Providence Mo Meeting in the appointment of John H Meader Thomas Chase and Thomas J Battey to the Station of Elder, and with Rhode Island Providence and Swansea Mo Meeting in the appointment of Eleven (11) associate Members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for two years

Benjamin F Knowles an Elder and Member of Providence Mo Meeting died 5th Mo 18th 1890 aged 77 yrs 7 mos and 14 days

Edward W Collins a Minister and Member of South Kingstown Mo Meeting died 8 Mo 6th 1890 Aged 64 Yrs 3 Mos and 18 days, and Ruth Ann Collins an Elder and Member of the same Meeting died 12 mo 15th 1890 aged 76 Yrs 6 mos and 3 days

This Meeting has united with South Kingstown Mo Meeting in the discontinuance of their fifth-day Meeting for Worship at Hopkinton

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, this Meeting's quota of Yearly Meeting Stock raised for last year

The following Statistical information, together with the number of Members composing this Meeting 3 mo 1st 1891 has been furnished by the accounts from the several Mo Meetings and is as follows Viz

Whole Number of Members 3 mo 1st 1890		835
Additions by Births 6, By Requests 22	28	
By Certificate	21	
Total Additions		49

Making a total Membership with above addition	884
From which deduct for Removals	
By Death 14 By Certificate 22	36
Released or Disowned	5
& for previous Errors	0
Total deductions	41
leaving total Membership of this Mtg 3/1/91 to be	843

an increase of 8 Members during the past year to the date named above

The following information has also been received in connection with the subject of Education in accordance with the request of the Yearly Meeting last year viz

Whole number of Children between the ages of 4 & 21 yrs	146
Do Do Do " " " 12 & 21 "	86
Number attending School	107
Do Do Do taught by Friends	18
Do Do Do Do Do or controlled by Friends	13

The several Mo Meetings report the following amounts collected within their limits for the benefit of the following named concerns of the Yearly Meeting viz

In Aid of Foreign Mission Work	56.45
" " " Western Indians	49.25
" " Gospel Work	15.00
Total Collections	$120.70

~~Our quota of the several documents sent down~~

Which several sums have been or directed to be forwarded to the Treasurers of the respective Committees, as per direction of the Yearly Meeting

Our quota of the several documents sent down by the Yearly Meeting for subordinate Meetings within our limits including the London General printed Epistle of 1890. The printed Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, and the Providence

Boarding School Report were all received, apportioned and sent down to the Several Mo Meetings

Taken from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, by direction and on behalf of said Meeting held at East Greenwich R I 5th mo 7th 1891

Samuel R Buffinton Clerk

Note. The Mens Quarterly Meeting held as above were united in asking the Yearly Meeting to make a new apportionment of Yearly Meetings Stock among the several Quarterly Meetings, but by an oversight of the Clerk of that Meeting the matter was not sent to the Womens Quarterly Meeting for its concurrent action

Samuel R Buffinton Clerk

Eighth Month 1891

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th mo 6th 1891. The accounts from the several Mo Meetings being received, we are by them informed that they have appointed Representatives to this Meeting as follows viz

From Rhode Island, Isaac Manchester and Robert Wetherell
" Greenwich Charles W. Earle & Joseph Anthony
" Swansea Saml R Buffinton, Obadiah Chace Oscar G Perry & Henry C Aydelott
" Providence Thomas J Battey, Robert P Gifford & Thomas Chace
" So Kingstown William H Babcock, whose names called all responded thereto Except One

The Queries have all been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from all the Mo Meetings

The Representatives to the late Yearly Meeting from this Meeting all attended except 4 —

The following Minute relative to Stock has been received from the Clerk of the late Yearly Meeting (viz

It was Concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars. Our several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay to Samuel R Buffinton our Treasurer their respective proportions of said Sum on or before the first of Fifth Month next. The quota for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting 24 p— $480—. By direction of the Mtg Aforesaid

Wm O Newhall
Clerk

Whereupon we Appoint Joseph H Atwater and Charles D Kenyon, a Committee of this Meeting to audit the accounts of our Treasurer, name a sum for the use of this Meeting, and also a Friend for Treasurer the ensuing year and report to the Quarterly Meeting in 11 Month next.

And by the following Minute, from said Meeting this Meetings attention is also called to the appointment of a Committee to aid the Yr Meetings Committee on Gospel Work viz "It was the Conclusion of this Meeting that all our Quarterly Meetings Appoint Committees to aid the Yearly Meeting Committee on Gospel Work the same as last year". Which is united with by this Meeting — And in accordance therewith, this Meeting appoints as said Committee our friends Joseph H Atwater Nelson R Reed, Herbert A Skinner Joseph Anthony and William H Babcock to unite with such Women Friends as may be appoint by their Meeting for that purpose

The following Minute has also been received, in conjunction with Minute No 57. page 54, second paragraph from the top of the Printed Minutes of this year by

"Our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to call the attention of all there Monthly Meetings to the second paragraph on page 54 of the printed Minutes of this year"

And our Clerk is directed to call the attention of our several Monthly Meetings, to the above requirements, therewith

And our attention is also called by minute from the same source, to a change in our Discipline, by the Yearly Meeting in the word should to may, on the fifteenth line of page 100 of the Discipline. See Minute No 43 page 35 Printed Minutes and the Clerk is directed to make said change in the Book of Disciplines used by this Meeting, and also request the several Subordinate Meetings, to make the required change, in the Books of Discipline for the use of said Meetings.

We have also received at this time from the Clerk of the Yr Meeting the following information viz

"The hour of holding your Quarterly Meeting on "Ministry & Oversight at Providence in the Second Month is changed from 11. O'clock A M to 2 O'clock P.M. - See Minute 42, page 35 printed Minutes. By direction of the Meeting aforesaid

William O Newhall Clerk

And our Clerk is requested to furnish the the necessary information in this matter.

No report from the Boarding School at Providence, having been printed this year except as found in the printed Minutes of Yearly Meeting for this year, the information by Note connected with the said report has been read at this time, see page 16 of the Printed Minutes for the same.

Swansea Mo Meeting inform by its accounts that they are united in the following request viz

This Meeting is united in asking that when the Quarterly Meeting meets in Fall River in Eleventh Month next, an intermission of One hour and thirty Minutes be allowed for lunch at the close of the Meeting for Worship, before transacting the business of the Meeting

Mary L Chace Clerk

Which request being considered by this Meeting was united with, by substituting one hour for the length of the intermission as proposed by the Monthly Meeting, instead of One hour and thirty Minutes, with which our Womens Meeting unites, and the clerk is directed to furnish the Mo Meeting with the action of the Meeting.

Our quota of the printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting has been received, apportioned, and sent down to the several Monthly Meetings in their respective quotas.

The committee of this Meeting to confer and advise with a committee of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, inform that they have attended to their appointment, and met with the committee of that Meeting, and are united in asking the Quarterly Meeting to appropriate the sum of One hundred

(100) dollars, toward the expence incurred in the making of the said repairs and alterations on the Meeting House there, which proposition being united with; our Treasurer is directed to pay the said amount to the Committee of Greenwich Mo Meeting, from any funds in his hands belonging to this Meeting

A Concern in relation to our testimony upon the Subject of Temperance being introduced in this Meeting, we appoint our Friends Thomas J. Battey Samuel Austin and Robert S. Gifford a Committee to take the same into their prayerful consideration, and report such action thereon, as in their judgment will meet the concern as expressed in this Meeting, and report at our next Meeting. The business which has claimed our attention being concluded, we separate purposing to meet at Fall River in 11 Mo next should the Lord permit

Samuel R Buffinton
Clerk

Eleventh Month 1891

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 Mo 5th 1891 by the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that they have made the following appointments for Representatives to this Meeting viz

From Rhode Island. Joseph S Anthony & Isaac J Macomber
" Greenwich Chas W Earle & James H Earle
" Swansea Chas A Chase & Herbert A Skinner
" Providence R. S. Gifford, Daniel Meader & Thos Chase
" So Kingstown Geo. S. Gould

whose names being called were all present Except One

The Queries have all been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of the Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed in 8 Mo to audit the Treasurers Accounts, and for other purposes presented the following viz

To the Quarterly Meeting

We have examined the Treasurers acct and find correct vouchers, with balance due him of Nine Dollars (9.00) We propose the sum of Six Hundred ($600.00) to be raised for the ensuing year and recommend the appointment of Robert P Gifford for Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting

Joseph H Atwater
Chas D Kenyon
Fall River 11 Mo 5th 1891 Committee

Which is satisfactory and accepted by the Meeting, and the recommendations thereof being united with are accordingly adopted, and Robert P Gifford is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward there proportion of the sum agreed upon to be raised for the use of the Meeting viz (600) to Robert P Gifford our Treasurer

Greenwich Monthly Meeting inform in there accounts, that they are united in granting a request from Coventry Preparative Meeting, to discontinue all Meetings for Worship and Discipline at that place in 12 mo 1891 and also in 1st 2nd & 3d Mos in 1892. Which is satisfactory to this Meeting

The Committee of this Meeting appointed 8mo last to consider the subject of Temperance in connection with the testimony of the Society upon that important subject presented the following Report viz —

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The Committee to consider what action is advisable in relation to the demoralizing liquor traffic in the Community around us, believe there is abundant cause to invoke the increased attention of Friends to the subject.

They would have all our Members carefully to consider the consequences of this heinous traffic; the source of multiform & wide spread Evils, causing 3/4 of all the crime & poverty about us, of immense expense to the States, destructive of the bodily & Spiritual welfare of thousands of our fellow men & still sanctioned by law in a professedly Christian Community.

Do not these considerations impose some obligation upon the Christian Church & especially upon this branch of it?

As good citizens, also, anxious to eradicate this Monster Evil, have we no duty? As fellow-sufferers with multitudes whose piteous cry avails nothing with the cruel vender of poison to withhold the intoxicating draught from a poor father or dear Mother, Son, daughter, brother, or sister, shall we not in behalf of the cause of humanity interpose?

Believing that the testimony & the labors of Friends in the past have not 'vain in the Lord' we would encourage even increased faithfulness to individual duty in our

respective spheres of influence & suggest also
the appointment of a joint committee who
might avail themselves of any right
opening to encourage such legislation
as may promote the Abolition of the
Liquor traffic

For the Committee,
Saml Austin
Robt P Gifford

Which is satisfactory and in accordance
with the recommendation of the report
we appoint our friends Saml Austin
Augustine Jones, Robert P Gifford Chas
W. Earle and Benjamin Green a committee on the part of this Meeting, to unite
with such as may be appointed by Women
Friends as a joint committee of this Meeting
to use such efforts before the Legislatures of the States
of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, as
would in their judgment tend towards
the abolition of the nefarious traffic, through
effective Laws to its final suppression

Our beloved friend Levi Gregory attended
this Meeting and presented a Minute of
Unity with him as a Minister of the
Gospel, and with his proposed concern
as expressed therein from Salem Mo
Meeting Endorsed by Salem Quarterly
Meeting of Friends of Iowa, His Gospel
services and company have been
satisfactory and acceptable to this
Meeting and the clerks are directed
to furnish him with a copy of the
above minute and sign the same
on our behalf

Rhode Island Mo
Meeting in its accounts, requests that
this Meeting may consider the subject
of holding our Quarterly Meetings in the
future in joint sessions, and Swansea
Mo Meeting by its accounts, informs that
they are united in asking that the

the Quarterly Meetings hereafter be held as a United Qt Meeting, which subjects claiming the consideration of the Womens Meeting, and they considering both requests, to be for holding the Qt Meeting as a United Meeting they are united, and have made a Minute, in accordance therewith, that the time has not arrived for them to unite with the propositions, and this Meeting unites with the action of the Womens Meeting therein, and the Clerk is directed to inform the Mo Meetings making the requests of the action of this Meeting thereon

This Meeting unites with Women Friends in allowing a recess of One hour between the Meeting for Worship and the Meeting for Discipline at each of the Quarterly Meetings as they hereafter occur

This Meetings quota of the London Printed Epistle for 1891 has been received apportioned And sent down to our several Monthly Meetings

The business of this Meeting which has claimed our attention at this time, being satisfactorily concluded we seperate with a feeling of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His continued care over His Church — to meet in 2 Mo next at Providence at the usual time should the Lord permit

Saml R Griffiths Clerk

Second Month 1892

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2 Mo 4th 1892 Accounts were received from the several Mo Meetings composing the same, by which it is informed that the Representatives hereafter named were appointed by them to attend this Meeting viz

From Rhode Island Robert Wetherell and Jacob Almy
" Greenwich Charles H Earle & Joseph W Anthony
" Swansea Chas Estes, James Buffinton and Henry C Aydelott
" Providence Saml Austin, Thomas Chase & Thomas J Mitchell
" So Kingstown William Collins

whose names being called all responded as being present except one

Samuel Austin on behalf of the Representatives to this Meeting, informed that they had met in conference upon the subject of Clerks for this Meeting the ensuing year and that they were united in proposing the name of Saml R Buffinton for Clerk and Charles H Earle for Assistant Clerk thereof, and the names proposed being united with and accepted by this Meeting, they are accordingly appointed for the service named for the ensuing year

And in pursuance with the requirement of Discipline page 75 for holding "United Meetings" the Representatives to both the Mens and Womens Quarterly Meeting have conferred together upon the

Subject of Clerks for such Meetings (when held) and are united in proposing the name of Saml R Buffinton for Clerk, and Louisa H Meader for Assistant Clerk if said Meeting is so held, which proposition being united with by both Mens and Womens Meeting, they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year

The Queries have all been read at this time, with Answers to the usual three, from each of the Mo Meetings

Rhode Island, Greenwich, Swansea and Providence Mo Meetings, by there respective Accounts inform that they have directed the payment of there quota of this Meetings Stock called for in 11 Mo last

To the Quarterly Meeting

A proposition from Swansea Mo Meeting to change the hour of holding that Meeting from 11 Oclock A M to 1-30 P M.

Which proposition being united with by this and the Womens Meeting, the said change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Monthly Meeting of this Meetings action thereon

Our beloved friend Nathan Douglass, acceptably attended this Meeting, with minute from of Unity with him as a Minister, and with his prospect as expressed therein from Durham Mo Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute

Our friend Delia C Mann informed this Meeting that she had returned the minute granted her by her Mo Meeting, bearing the Endorsement of this Meeting, to her Mo Meeting, by which she was liberated for service in North

Carolina, and that the service which she felt resting upon her to perform there had been accomplished, to the satisfaction and peace of her own Mind. The business of this Meeting being harmoniously and Satisfactorily concluded the continued Mercy of a loving Heavenly Father whom we desire to serve the seperate Company to meet at East Greenwich, at the usual hour in the capacity of a Quarterly Meeting should the Lord thus permit.

Samuel R Buffinton Clerk

Fifth Month 1892

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5 mo 5th 1892. The accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, it is thereby informed that the following named Representatives have been appointed by them to attend this Meeting viz

From Rhode Island	John F Chase and Joseph S Anthony
" Greenwich	Joseph Anthony & Moses L Buffinton
" Swansea	Saml R Buffinton Henry C Aydelott & Darius Buffinton
" Providence	Robert P Gifford Augustine Jones & Robert J Hanson
" South Kingstown	William Collins Robert Browning and John Babcock

Whose names being called all responded thereto as present except One

The Assistant Clerk being absent from illness. Robert P Gifford was appointed for that service for the day

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting, with answers to the same from the several Monthly Meetings, from which a Summary has been prepared and approved of by the Meeting, which is directed to be forwarded to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Newport in the State of Rhode Island with other Extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting for its information, and we appoint our friends Saml R Buffinton Henry C Aydelott William T Collins Robert D Kifford Daniel Meader Augustine Jones John F Chace Obadiah Chace Herbert A Skinner Benjamin Greene Charles A Chace Joseph S Anthony Robert J Hanson and William H Pease as Representatives from this Meeting to attend the same

Rhode Monthly Meeting by its accounts inform that William Jacob a Minister and Member of that Meeting died 12 mo 31st 1891 Aged 63 Years and 14 days, and that that Meeting has acknowledged the gift and approved the public Ministry of John S Kimber and that the name of William K Peale has been dropped from its list of Associate Members at his own request

See opposite page for this

Providence Monthly Meeting also informs that Thomas Harkness an Elder and Member of that Meeting died 2 Mo 12 1892 Aged 92 Years 10 mos and 10 days -

And that they are united in requesting the Quarterly Meeting to ask the Yearly Meeting for a re-apportionment of that Meetings Stock, and that they have appointed Thomas J Battey correspondent of that Meeting Address 109. Lippitt Street Providence RI

And this Meeting is united, in asking the Yearly Meeting to cause a new apportionment of that Meetings Stock to be made among the several Quarterly Meetings, with which request the Womens Meeting unites

We appoint our friends Joseph H. Atwater and Charles D. Kenyon a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, name a person to serve in that capacity, and a sum necessary to be raised for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, and report in 8 mo next

Our Treasurer informs that all the Monthly Meetings have paid their quota of this Meetings' Stock called for in 11 mo last, and that the ~~sum~~ has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, of that Meetings Stock, called for last year

This Meetings quota of the several documents sent down from the Yearly Meeting to its subordinate Meetings, has been received, apportioned and sent down to the several Monthly Meetings —

with which this and the Womens Meeting unites and the necessary information is directed to be furnished him and the Y. Mtg on Ministry and Oversight of the action of this Meeting thereon

The following Statistical information required in connection with the Membership of this Meeting 3 mo 1st 1892, and also that upon the subject of Education as required by the Yearly Meeting from the several Monthly Meetings has been received, and is as follows viz

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Monthly Meetings	By Birth	Deaths	Removed to Lists	Removals Out of	Admitted By Request	Released or Disowned	Previously Omitted	Total Membership 3 mo 1st 1892
Rhode Island	3	3	1	1	42	1	0	209
Greenwich	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Swansea	3	6	4	1	10	4	0	341
Providence	1	3	6	0	0	2	0	202
South Kingstown	0	3	0	0	1	5	0	83
Totals	7	15	11	2	53	12	0	885

Which information as above shows the membership of this Meeting to be 3 Mo 1st 1892 = 885
Do Do Do do 3 Mo 1st 1891 = 843
showing thereby a gain of ——— 42
during the past year

The following has also been received in Connection with the Statistics of Children and Education

Monthly Meetings	Number of Children between 4 & 21 Yrs	Number between 12 & 21	Number Attending School	Number Attending School taught by Friends	Number attending School taught or Controlled by a Friend between 12 & 21 Years
Rhode Island	40	21	27	1	1.
Greenwich	5	1	0	0	0
Swansea	72	43	55	10	8
Providence	21	14	21	7	5
So Kingstown	15	8	13	2	2
Totals	153	87	116	20	16

Abstracts of both foregoing information is directed to forward to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting

The business of this Meeting having been satisfactorily and harmoniously concluded, through the Continued Mercy of our Father in Heaven we separate purposing to meet at Newport in 8 mo next should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

A summary of the Answers to the Queries. as adopted by the Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich 5 mo 5th 1892 for the next Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport R I in 6 mo 1892.

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious Worship and discipline have been regularly held except Eleven. Those on First day Morning are attended by most of our Members At all other meetings both for worship and discipline the attendance is small, with little exception the hour is observed

Ans 2d - With some exception in one Monthly Meeting love and Unity are maintained and detraction guarded against Endeavors are used to end differences—

Ans 3d. Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and to endeavor by Example and precept to train up their Children, and those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession

Ans 4th We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures and Encourage their Children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty - Some exceptions to our testimony relating to a free Gospel Ministry

Ans 5th Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage with two exceptions. They are generally careful to abstain from Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian Character, and to observe true Moderation in all things

Ans 6th The necessities of the poor are relieved and care is taken to Educate their Children

Ans. 7th Clear with little Exception as to Military Matters and Taking of Oaths. No Case of defrauding the public revenue reported

Ans 8th. Not quite Clear as to financial Matters in two of our Meetings. Friends are generally Careful to live within the bounds of their Circumstances

Ans 9th Our Records are attended to Some removals without Certificates mostly under care

Ans 10th Friends generally Endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England Next to be held at Newport in the State of Rhode Island in 6 mo next –

Dear Friends

The Queries were all read in this Meeting, with Answers to each from the Several Monthly Meetings Composing it, A Summary from which has been approved, which with other Extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting the Clerk is directed to forward to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting for its information, and we appoint our Friends, named below, as the Representatives from this Meeting to attend the Same viz

Saml R Buffinton. Henry C Aydelott, William H Collins Robert I Gifford. Daniel Meader Augustine Jones John H Chase Obadiah Chace. Herbert A Skinner Benjamin Green Charles A Chace Joseph S Anthony Robert B Hanson and William H Seale

This Meeting has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of John E Kimber.

William Jacob, a Minister and Member of Rhode Island Mo Meeting died 12 mo 31st 1891 aged 63 years and 14 days

Thomas Hathaway an Elder and Member of Providence Mo Meeting died 2 mo 12th 1892 Aged 92 years 10 mos and 10 days.

Thomas J Battey has been appointed Correspondent of Providence Mo Meeting Address 109 Pippett Street Providence R I,

This Meeting has united with Swansea Mo Meeting in changing the hour of holding that Meeting from 11 O'clock A.M. to 1-30 P.M.

This Meeting is united, having the concurrence of the Womens Meeting, therein in asking the Yearly Meeting to make a new appointment of Yearly Meeting Stock among the several Quarterly Meetings.

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, the quota of this Meeting Stock called for by that Meeting last year

The following statistical information together with the whole number of Members composing this Meeting 3 mo 1st 1892 has been furnished by the accounts from the several Mo Meetings and is as follows viz

Whole number of Members 3 mo 1st 1891 843
Addition by Birth to 3 mo 1st /92 7
" by Certificate 11, By Request 53
Total addition 71
Making a total Membership with additions 914

Making a total Membership 914
From which deduct for Removals
By Death 15 - By Certificate 2
Released or Disowned 12 For
previously omitted none total deductions 29
Showing a total Membership 3/1/92 of 885
a gain of 42 the past year

The following has also been furnished by the Mo Meetings, in connection with the Statistics of the Children and of Education

Whole Number of Children between the ages of 4 and 21 Years	153
Ditto Ditto between 12 and 21 Yrs	87
Number attending School	116
" taught by Friends " }	20
Do Do Do Do taught by or under the Control of Friends }	16

Documents from the Yearly Meeting, for distribution among subordinate Meetings within our limits have been received, apportioned and sent down to the several Mo Meetings respectively

Taken from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, by direction and on behalf of said Meeting held at East Greenwich 5 Mo 5th 1892

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Eighth Month 1892

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th mo 4th 1892
The accounts from the several Monthly Meetings inform that they have appointed as Representatives to attend the same as follows viz

From Rhode Island John S Kimber and John Cornell
" Greenwich Chas W Earle & Joseph Anthony
" Swansea Saml K Buffinton Phineas W Fletcher and Obadiah Chace
" Providence Saml Austin Chas D Kenyon & Joseph H Atwater
" South Kingstown William T Collins

Whose names being called being called responded thereto as present except One

The Queries were all read at this time and the 1st 2d & 10th were answered as heretofore from the several Monthly Meetings

The names of the Representatives from this Q Meeting appointed to attend the late Yearly Meeting being called this meeting is informed that they all attended except One

We have received at this time the Report of the Committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence, & the reading of which it is concluded to dispense with at this time, and the Report placed upon our records which is as follows viz -

See following page

The Committee having charge of the Yearly Meeting School at Providence, R. I., presented their Annual Report, viz. : —

REPORT OF BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee having in charge the Boarding School at Providence, established by and under the care of the Yearly Meeting, in presenting the Seventy-third Annual Report of its operations, would state that, while they have but little that will be especially new to report, they have the great pleasure of informing the Meeting that the work performed by the pupils and the efforts of the officers and Board of Instruction have been productive of very satisfactory results. The Sub-Committees, appointed from time to time, have made very encouraging and cheering reports of the condition of the school and progress of the scholars, in the various branches in which they are engaged; and in their frequent attendance of the Meetings for Worship held on First and Fourth day mornings, as well as the evening of First days, they have found them to be seasons in which much solemnity and religious interest have prevailed — and, in general, the Committee can thankfully acknowledge that the deep spiritual earnestness which has characterized the religious work of the school, of latter years, has in no wise abated during the past year, but the rather, has been upon the increase, so that spiritually and intellectually the previous high standard of the Institution has been well maintained.

The general health of the family, during the past year, has been exceptionally good. One death, however, has occurred, in reference to which, the Principal, in his communication to us at our meeting in the Fourth Month, stated: "We were saddened by the loss of Lois Anna Perry, a member of the senior class, on the 6th of Third Month, 1892. She was the daughter of William H. Perry of Clarks Falls, Conn., and at her decease a little over twenty years of age. Her sickness, which was rheumatism, was very brief. She was a beautiful Christian girl, and has, we believe, graduated to a higher, holier, and more blessed immortal life."

The decease of George Howland, Jr., one of our number, occurred on Second Month 18th; 1892; he had been almost uninterruptedly a member of the School Committee for nearly half a century. The following minute was entered upon our records at our meeting in the Fourth Month, viz.: "We are called upon at this time to record the decease of our dear friend George Howland, Jr., who was for a long series of years a valuable and efficient member of this Committee, and for many years faithfully served the Committee in the capacity of clerk. We have gratefully to acknowledge our high appreciation of his uniform kindness, courtesy, and

The quota for this Meeting, of the Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting have also been received, and the same apportioned among the several Mo Meetings

Our beloved Friends John F & Alice Hanson, William G. Johnson and Seneca H Stevens. attended this Meeting their company, and services in the gospel have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish

Each of them with a copy of this minute and sign the same on our behalf

The Committee appointed in 5th mo last to audit the Treas ac's and for other purposes presented the following Report viz

Newport 8mo 4th 1892

To R I Quarterly Meeting

We have examined the Treasurers Acct according to our appointment in 5th mo last and find a correct balance in his hands of Eleven and 25/100 Dollars

We propose that the sum of Four hundred and fifty (450.00) dollars be raised for use of the Quarterly Meeting the ensuing year and that Robert P Gifford be appointed Treasurer

Joseph H Atwater
Chas D Kenyon } Committee

Which is satisfactory, to and the recommendations contained therein approved by this Meeting, and Robert P Gifford is accordingly appointed Treasurer thereof for the ensuing year, and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of the sum proposed to be raised viz 450 dollars to Robert P Gifford our Treasurer, on or before the 1st of 5th Month next

The following Minute relative to Stock has been received from the Clerk of the late Yearly Meeting viz

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport R.I. from the 10th of Sixth Month to the 15th of the same inclusive 1892

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

Dear Friends

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year the sum of $2000 -

fidelity, as well as the marked cheerfulness which he manifested towards the students and all those in charge of the Institution; and in every way in which he was connected with it, he showed his warm attachment to the school, and his earnest, prayerful desire for its best welfare."

Another vacancy has occurred in our number, on account of which, the following minute was placed upon our records in the Eleventh Month last, viz.: "The Committee hereby desires to express its appreciation of the long continued, faithful, and efficient service of our friend Charles F. Coffin, in the interests of this Institution."

The growing interest in Mechanic Arts, Drawing, and Painting, and the crowded condition of the house seemed to the Committee to demand additional accommodations for these branches; it was decided at a meeting of the Committee in the Sixth Month last to erect, at the north of the east wing, a suitable building, which was accordingly carried into effect and completed so as to be occupied in the early part of Third Month last, greatly to the comfort, convenience, and satisfaction of the instructors and pupils.

The number of scholars for the year has been; — boarders 161, day students 18, total 179.

The officers of government and instruction have been: —

Augustine Jones, A. M., L. L. B., Principal, and Political Science.

William E. Sargent, A. M., Governor, and English Studies and Calisthenics for Boys.

Evelyn Barrows, B. S., Preceptress, and English Studies.

Thomas J. Battey, A. M., Natural Science.

Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.

Walter S. Meader, A. M., Higher Mathematics.

Frederick H. Howard, A. M., Greek and Latin.

Charles R. Jacob, A. B., Modern Languages.

Anna Belle Carroll, A. M., English Studies.

Harriette H. Hacker, English Studies.

Abbie D. Cartland, Primary Room.

Clara B. Presbrey, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.

Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.

Charles E. Cobb, Charge of Boys' school-room.

Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music.

Clara B. Presbrey, Calisthenics for Girls.

Alice Forde Mayberry, Secretary and Book-keeper.

Gertrude A. Hawkes, Librarian, Autumn Term.

Grace King Peaslee, Librarian, Spring Term.

LECTURER.

Thomas J. Battey, A. M., Natural Science.

AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEVENTH MONTH 1st, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Charitable Scholarship Fund	$2,062 50	
Elizabeth Fry " "	1,500 00	
General " "	6,100 00	
Stephen T. Olney "	1,804 31	
Board and tuition	30,972 92	
Day Scholars' tuition	1,557 65	
Auxiliary studies and use of pianos	3,081 74	
		$47, 079 12

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries	$15,327 47	
Wages	9,904 14	
Provisions	11,501 29	
Repairs and renewals	3,476 63	
Water	312 75	
Light	957 86	
Fuel	1,356 09	
Library	443 35	
Papers and periodicals	67 26	
Incidentals	173 51	
Debts considered bad	129 29	
Advertising	1,054 93	
Balance to profit and loss	2,374 55	
		$47,079 12

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
JAMES H. CHACE,
CHARLES SISSON,
} *Auditors.*

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75.00.

The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German of $10.00; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.00.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduc-

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tion of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

PROVIDENCE, Fifth Month 31st, 1892.

NOTE. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 14th, 1892, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 8th, 1892.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 2d, 1892.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 2d, 1892.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

and our several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay to Saml R Buffinton our Treasurer, their respective proportions of said sum, on or before the first day of Fifth Month next

The quota for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is 22%. $440.00

The following recommendations from the Committee to arrange a plan for a Closer Connection between the Yearly Meeting and its Bible Schools, were approved by the Meeting. and the Quarterly Meetings are directed to attend to these requirements viz- We recommend that the Yearly Meeting request of each Quarterly Meeting that it shall, at its first session after this Yearly Meeting appoint a Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools, who shall, untill next Yearly Meeting, have supervision of the Bible School work, within the Quarterly Meeting, in conjunction with the Yearly Meeting's Superintendent, and Bible School Committee

Also, that the Quarterly Meetings shall each year hereafter, at their last session before the Yearly Meeting, appoint their Bible School Superintendent for the following year, whose term of service shall begin and end with that of the Yearly Meetings Superintendent

That the Yearly Meeting request all Bible Schools, within its limits to report regularly once in three months to their respective Quarterly Meetings Superintendents

That the Monthly Meetings be requested to co-operate with the Quarterly Meetings Superintendent of Bible School work

The following Changes have been directed by the Yearly Meeting to be made in our Book of Discipline viz

On page 107, edition of 1889, instead of the paragraph beginning with the words "It is also directed," the following should be substituted, viz.: It is also directed that to this purpose the queries be read in the Preparative Meetings preceding the Quarterly Meetings which occur next before the Yearly Meeting, and distinct answers be given in said Meetings to all the queries; and these answers be forwarded to their respective Monthly Meetings, where the queries are also to be read with the answers aforesaid; and each Monthly Meeting shall forward a summary of these answers to the Quarterly Meeting, where the queries are to be read again and the answers thereto which come from the Monthly Meetings: and a summary of these forwarded by the Quarterly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting, to be read there, and a summary of these answers entered in the Yearly Meeting's record.

It is also directed that at all other Quarterly Meetings and at all Monthly and Preparative Meetings which precede such Quarterly Meetings, these queries be read together with those called "Unanswered Queries," on page 108, edition of 1889, and hence the paragraph in italics on page 108 be stricken out.

The following paragraph is to be inserted in our *Book of Discipline*, on page 91, edition of 1889, preceding the paragraph headed "Delinquencies," viz.:

When a Monthly Meeting shall have reliable information that any of its members have joined another religious society or denomination, the names of such members may be dropped from our records and they released from membership without the appointment of a committee, except as the Monthly Meeting may direct its clerk or a committee to kindly inform the persons so released of the record made on their account, and to express to them our Christian interest and love.

The second paragraph in italics near the bottom of page 116, edition of 1889, in our *Book of Discipline* has been changed by the Yearly Meeting to read as follows, viz.:

The other three are to be answered in writing to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight next preceding the Yearly Meeting, that the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight may receive a summary of these answers from each of the Quarterly Meetings.

A sufficient number of Slips containing these Changes have been printed and placed in the hands of the Clerks of our several Quarterly Meetings, and our and our Subordinate Meetings are hereby directed to have these "Slips" properly inserted in our Books of Discipline

Attention is again called to the "New Method of Raising Funds" approved by the "Yearly Meeting", as set forth in the report of the Committee found in Minute Number 52 of the Minutes of 1892, and our Subordinate Meetings are directed to aid and encourage the carrying out of the plan proposed

By direction of the Yearly Meeting Aforesaid
Timothy B. Hussey }
Anna G. Wood } Clerks

And in accordance with the foregoing information and recommendations in connection with Bible Schools, within our limits, we have with the concurrence of the Womens Quarterly Meeting appointed as the Meetings Supt of Bible Schools until 5 Month next. Mary G. Chace of Fall River Mass, and our Clerk is directed to furnish our several Monthly Meetings of the action of this Meeting thereon together with the further requests in said communication in connection with Bible School Work within our limits and also inform the said Meetings of the proposed changes in our Book of Discipline and furnish the necessary number of Slips, containing said changes, with directions that the same be inserted in all the Books of Discipline used in our Subordinate Meetings, and also call the attention of the same to Minute number 52 of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting for 1892-

The business of this Meeting which has claimed our attention at this time being concluded in much harmony and satisfaction we separate purposing to meet in 11 mo next at Fall River at the usual time should the Lord in His Providence permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Eleventh Month 1892

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 3d 1892 We are informed by the written accounts from the several Mo. Meetings, that the following appointments were made by them as Representatives to this Meeting viz

From Rhode Island Isaac Manchester and John J Cornell
" Greenwich Joseph W Anthony and Chas W Earle
" Swansea Saml R Buffinton, Edwin Macomber Darius Buffinton & Phineas D Fletcher
" Providence Robert P Gifford Augustine Jones & Robert J Hanson
" South Kingstown William H Perry

Whose names being called were all present except four

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting, without answers thereto together with the unanswered queries, in accordance with the direction of the last Yearly Meeting, and with the changes in the Discipline as adopted by the same

The London printed Epistle for 1892 has been received by this Meeting and the reading of it is deferred for the consideration of a future Meeting

Our Esteemed friends William and Susan T Thompson acceptably attended this Meeting with minute of Unity with them as Ministers of the Gospel from New Bedford Mo Meeting of Friends held 9 mo 22nd 1892. and the Clerks are directed to furnish our friends with a copy the above Minute

Rhode Island Mo Meeting by its accounts inform that they have "approved" of the following named "persons" as Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight viz Margaret T Sherman. Anna L Manchester Joseph S Anthony, Lydia A Goddard Mary C Kember. Robert C Wetherell. Wm H Legele, Mary A Sherman, G. Mason Chase, Isaac L. Fish. Hannah C Jordan Mary W Macomber. Charles Tallman Albert Gifford Benjm C Sherman. Laura Sisson Annie Fish. Ellwood G. Macomber and Abbie A Macomber.

Which information claiming our serious attention and consideration, and this Meeting not being sufficiently united to unite therewith at this time. It is decided to refer the matter for further consideration and action thereon, to our next Qr Meeting in 2d mo next, having the concurrence of the Womens Quarterly Meeting therein, and notify the said Mo Meeting of the action of this Meeting thereon.

The business of this Meeting which has claimed our attention at this time, having been concluded, we separate purposing to meet again at Providence at the usual time in 2d mo next

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Second Month 1893

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2 mo 2d 1893. We are informed by the accounts from the several Meetings that they appointed Representatives to this Meeting as follows viz

From Rhode Island John S Kimber
Benjamin Greene Elwood C Macomber Edward C Faulkner and John F Chace —
" Greenwich Joseph Anthony and Charles H Earle
" Swansea Obadiah Chace James Buffinton And Charles A Chace
" Providence Augustine Jones Chas D Kenyon Daniel Meader & William E Hates
" So Kingstown Gilbert L Collins

Whose names being called all responded thereto

Augustine Jones on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they had met upon the subject of Clerks for this Meeting the ensuing year, and that they propose the name of Saml R Buffinton for Clerk and Chas H Earle for Assistant Clerk. Which proposition being united with in this Meeting they are, accordingly appointed to that service respectively

They also report that they have conferred with the Women Representatives in relation to Clerks for United Qt Meetings, should any such be held during the year, and they in their united capacity as Representatives to this Meeting propose the name of Samuel R Buffinton for Clerk and Louise A Meader for Assistant Clerk for such Meetings if held, which proposition being united with by both Mens and Womens

Meeting they are accordingly appointed for that Service respectfully

The Queries have all been read at this time, ~~together with the~~ unanswered Queries, in accordance with the change in our Discipline adopted at the last Yearly Meeting

Providence Monthly Meeting by their Accounts inform that they have revised their list of Membership of Associated Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for 2 Years as follows by

Samuel Austin M. Augusta Patten, Anna A Meader Susan Peckham Elizabeth A Gifford Caroline Tobey Elizabeth C Capron Asenath Fellow and Ellen M Atwater which information being considered the names as proposed are united with in this and the Womens Meeting, and the Womens Meeting also informs that they have united with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah P Ladd to the Station of Elder, with which action this Meeting unites, and the Clerks are directed to furnish the necessary information to the individuals above named, and the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Greenwich Mo Meeting informs by their accounts that they directed the payment of their Quota of this Meetings Stock called for in 8 Mo last

The subject matter in relation to the appointment of Associate Members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight from Rhode Island Mo Meeting, as referred by minute of our last Meeting to this for further consideration and action, was again brought before us, also an additional list of names for Associate members from said Monthly Meeting at this time, which after considerable discussion and Mature deliberation, we are united in indefinately postponing any further action thereon in both cases, and for the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a joint Committee of Men and Women friends to visit Rhode Island Mo. Meeting in the love of Christ, and report at a future Meeting, our Womens Meeting concurring therein, and we appoint on the part of this Meeting our friends Joseph H. Atwater, Henry C. Aydelott, Obadiah Chace, Charles W. Earle, Robert P. Gifford, Augustine Jones, James G. Belou, Charles E. Dove and John Babcock to unite with a Committee appointed by Women Friends for the above service.

The business of the Meeting which has claimed the attention at this time being concluded in that harmony becoming the disciples of Christ, we seperate purposing to meet at the usual time in the 5th mo next at East Greenwich, should the Lord permit.

Samuel R. Buffington
Clerk

Fifth Month 1893

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo of 1893

We are informed by the accounts from the Several Mo Meetings that they have made the following appointment for Representatives to this Meeting by

From R. Island - Benjamin Greene, John A. Chase, Isaac L. Fish, Joseph L. Anthony & Edward C. Faulkner
" Greenwich - Chas W. Earle, Jos. Anthony & Moses L. Buffinton
" Swansea Chas A. Chace & Henry C. Aydelott
" Providence Robert P. Gifford, Daniel Meader & Charles Sisson
" So. Kingstown John Babcock and John Browning

Whose names being called all responded thereto Except three.

The Minutes of our last Meeting were read, and no Error being discovered therein, they were accordingly approved by this Meeting

The Clerk being absent Robert P. Gifford was appointed for that service as Clerk for the day

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting with Answers thereto from the Several Mo Meetings Constituting this Meeting from which a Summary has been prepared, and adopted by this Meeting & directed to be forwarded to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Portland in the State of Maine with other Extracts from our Minutes for its information, and we appoint as our Representatives to attend the Same our friends Viz

Obadiah Chace, Augustine Jones Benjamin Greene David Meader Robert P Gifford Charles W Earle Isaac L Fish Henry C Aydelott Joseph H. Atwater and Charles T Kenyon

Rhode Island Mo Meeting by its accounts inform that Elizabeth H Potter an Elder and Member of that Meeting died 2 Mo 26th 1893 Aged 80 Years 7 mos and 13 days

And that Abner Potter a Minister and Member of the Same Meeting died 3 Mo 12th 1893 aged 90 Years 7 mos and 11 days,

And the Same Meeting informs that their proportion of this Meetings Stock has been paid to our Treasurer

Swansea Monthly Meeting also informs by its accounts that Eunice Estes an Elder and member of that Meeting died 2 mo 7th 1893 aged 84 Years 4 mos and 5 days

And that Sarah M. Davis a Minister and member of said Meeting, has been released from Membership in the Society at her own request

They also inform that they have directed their treasurer to pay its proportion of this Meeting Stock

Providence Monthly Meeting by its accounts report the death of Thomas Chase an Elder and member of that Meeting 10 mo 25th 1892 aged 65 Years 4 mos and 10 days.

And that their Meeting has paid to our Treasurer their proportion of this Meeting Stock

South Kingstown Mo Meeting informs this Meeting by its accounts, that they are united in asking the Quarterly Meeting to unite with them in the proposition to discontinue their Mo Meetings, except those next preceding the several Quarterly Meetings, when all the business of the Monthly Meetings may be transacted. Which after due deliberation is united with by this and the Womens Meeting, and the said Mo Meeting is directed to be furnished with the decision of this Meeting therein

The following report was presented from the Committee appointed in 2 Mo last to visit Rhode Island Mo Meeting, viz

To R I Quarterly Meeting of Friends to be held at East Greenwich

Dear Friends

Your Committee to visit in Gospel love R I Monthly Meeting can report they have attended to their appointment. Eight of Committee were present at their last Mo Meeting, and would thankfully acknowledge it was a season of special favor from the Lord. The Mo Meeting were enabled to agree on a report of names for the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

There still remains a devoted feeling in the Meeting that seems to call for farther labor.

In behalf of Committee
Joseph W Atwater
Hanette D Collins

Which is satisfactory and the same Committee are Continued under their appointment, to report at a future Meeting with which the Womens Meeting Concurs

The following Statistical information required to be made at this time, in Connection with the whole Number of Members Composing this Meeting 3 Mo 1st 1893, &c together with that also in reference to the Subject of Education, with the Number of Children &c, within our limits, has been received from the several Monthly Meetings and is as follows namely

Monthly Meetings	Births	Deaths	Removed Into	Removed Out of	Withdrawn by Request	Released or Disowned	Previously Omitted	Total Membership 3 mo 1st 1893
Rhode Island	4	8	1	0	6	0	0	212
Greenwich	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	49
Swansea	4	3	0	0	1	23	0	320
Providence	0	6	1	1	1	9	0	188
So. Kingstown	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	81
	9	21	2	1	9	33	0	850

Which information as above presented shows a total Membership 3 mo 1st 1893 as above of 850 - and a loss during the past Year of 35 -

The following information in Connection with the Number of Children and the Subject of Education has also been received and is as follows

Names of the Monthly Meetings	No of Children between the ages of 4 & 21 Years	Ditto between 12 & 21 Years	Number Attending School —	Ditto Attending Schools taught by Friends	Ditto Attending School taught or controlled by Friends between 12 & 21 Years
Rhode Island	38	19	25	0	1
Greenwich	5	0	4	0	0
Swansea	70	46	50	8	7
Providence	21	17	21	6	5
So Kingstown	15	8	12	0	1
	149	90	112	14	14

Abstracts from both of the above Statistics are directed to be forwarded to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting. We appoint our friends Chas Sisson and Chas D Kenyon a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, name a person to serve this Meeting as Treasurer for the Ensuing year, and a Sum necessary to be raised for the use of this Meeting, and report to this Meeting in 8 mo next at Newport

The following information has been received from the Special Representative Meeting held at Lynn 4 mo 17 1893 by

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

At a Special Representative Meeting held in Lynn Mass 4 mo 17 1893

The Committee appointed in the 8 mo last in reference to holding our next Yearly Meeting in Lynn Mass. finding that are legal obstructions in the way of holding the Yearly Meeting at Lynn this year, this Meeting in accordance with instructions given in Minute No 26 of our last Yearly Meeting, now decide that our next Yearly Meeting be held at Portland Maine at the usual time.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C Newhall
Clerk for the day

Which information is directed to be furnished the several Meetings—

By Minute No 6 of last years Printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint a Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools, for the ensuing year at this time, and this Meeting unites in concurrence with the Womens Meeting in the appointment of Mary L. Chace for that service in accordance with minute referred to above

Qt. Meeting Bible School Supt

Swansea Mo Meeting by its account inform that, that Meeting was united, in the appointments as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for two years of

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Oriana Earle, Rachel J. Chace, Benjamin F. Chace, Job C Gifford, Antheqia Underwood, Mary S Buffinton, Adeline H Chace, Sarah J. Macomber, Ann H. Chace, Herbert J Skinner, Charles A Chace, Charles Estes, Charles E Dove, and Anna R Chace which was united with in this meeting and the Womens Meeting concurred, except as to the name of Anna R Chace Whereupon this Meeting appointed Ota H Earle, Job C Gifford and James Chace, a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of Womens Meeting, to confer together in relation to the objection made to the appointment of Anna R Chace and report their judgment at a future Meeting, and the Clerks are directed to furnish Swansea Mo Meeting with a copy of this minute

Rhode Island Mo Meeting by its accounts report the following names (as having been united with by that Meeting as Associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight) Viz Joseph S Anthony, William H Beale, William Weaver, Edward C Faulkner, Albert W Lawrence, Anna L Manchester, Lydia F Goddard and Carrie H De Blois, with which this Meeting unites, the Womens Meeting concurring; and the Clerks are directed to forward the usual information in connection with the foregoing appointments

Our Treasurer informs that All the Monthly Meetings have paid their quota of this Meetings Stock called for in 8mo last, and that the same has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting as called for last year

Our beloved friend Rufus P King Attended this Meeting and presented a Minute of Unity with him in his present religious service from Springfield Mo Meeting Endorsed by Deep River Quarterly Meeting North Carolina. His company and labors of love have been very acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign a copy of this Minute on his behalf

Our business having been concluded in the Spirit of harmony and to Edification, we now conclude proposing to meet at Newport in the 8 mo next if the Lord permit

Joseph Gifford
Clerk for the day

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to be held at Portland in the State of Maine in 6mo next

Dear Friends

The Queries were all read in this Meeting, with Answers to each from the several Monthly Meetings Composing it a Summary from which has been adopted by this Meeting for your information, which with other Extracts from the Minutes of the same the Clerk is directed to forward to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting, and we appoint our Friends named below as our Representatives to attend the same

Viz

Obadiah Chase, Augustine Jones, Benjamin Greene, Daniel Meader, Robert P. Gifford, Chas W Eayle, Isaac L. Fish, Henry C. Agdelott, Joseph H Atwater and Charles D Kenyon

Elizabeth H Potter an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting died 2 Mo 26th 1893 aged 80 Yrs. 7 mos and 13 days

Abner Potter a Minister and member of the same Meeting died 7 mo 12th 1893 Aged 91 Years 7 months and 11 days

Eunice Estes an Elder and Member of Swansea Monthly Meeting died 2 Mo th 1893 aged 84 Years 4 mos and 5 days

Sarah M Davis a Minister and member in the same Meeting, has been released from Membership in the Society at her own request

Thomas Chase an Elder and Member of Providence Monthly Meeting. died 10mo 25th 1893 aged 65 years 4 mos and 10 days

This Meeting has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the discontinuance of their Monthly Meetings. Except those next preceeding the Several Quarterly Meetings

This Meeting in accordance with Minute No 70 of last years printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, were united in the Appointment of Mary L Chace as its "Bible School Superintendent" for the ensuing year as per said Minute

The following Statistical information with the membership of this Meeting 3 Mo 1st 1893. has been furnished by the several Mo Meetings, and is as follows Viz

Whole Number of Members 3mo 1st 1892.	885
Additions by Births since	9
" " Certificates "	2
" " Requests "	9
Total additions to 3mo 1st/93.	20
Making a total Membership to above date of	905
From which deduct for Removals	
By Death	21
" Certificate	1
Released or Disowned	33
Previously Omitted	00
Total deduction to above date	55
Showing a total Membership 3/1/93. of	850

And a total loss of 35 during the past year

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the quota of this Meeting's Stock, called for that Meeting last year

The following statistical information has also been furnished by the Mo Meetings in Connection with the statistics off the Children and Education viz

Whole number of Children between the ages of 4 and 21 years	149
Ditto ditto between 12 & 21 "	90
Number attending School	142
Ditto ditto ditto taught by Friends	14
Ditto Ditto Ditto taught by or Controlled by Friends	14

Your Minute of last year in connection with the Changes in our Book of Discipline was duly received by this Meeting, and the Slips containing the said Changes was furnished our Subordinate Meetings as per direction therein

This Meeting united with Rhode Island and Swansea Monthly Meetings, in the appointment, by said meetings ~~in the appointment~~ of twenty One (21) Associate Members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for two years

The several documents issued by the Yearly Meeting, for distribution among its Subordinate Meetings, within our limits were all duly received, apportioned and sent down to each respectively

Taken from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, by direction and on behalf of said Meeting held at East Greenwich R I 5th Mo 4th 1893

Saml R Buffinton Clerk
By Robert D Gifford Clerk for the day

Summary from the Answers to the queries from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting 6 mo 1893-

Ans 1st

All our Meetings for religious Worship And desipline hafe been Regularly held Except 12. These on First day Morning have been quite generally attended by our Members. The afternoon and Mid week Meetings have been very Small The hour Observed

Ans 2nd

Love and Unity have been Maintained And detraction guarded against With some Exception in two Meetings, Care taken to end differences

Ans 3rd

There has been an evident Concern among our Members to Maintain a religious life and Conversation, and to influence their Children and others under their Care in this line of our Christian profession

Ans 4th

So far as we know it has been quite generally the practice of our Members to read the "Holy Scriptures" daily in their families and individually as well and to Encourage their Children and others in this religious duty. Not quite clear in our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry

Ans 5th

With Eleven (11) Exceptions as far as we know Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage and Some Care has been taken. Mostly clear in the Observance of this Query

Ans 6th
The several requirements of this query appears to be complied with

Ans. 7th As far as we know our testimony against bearing Arms and other Military Matters, against Oaths and defrauding the Public revenue has been Maintained

Ans 8th
With little exception Friends are careful to inspect their affairs, settle their affairs, keep their promises, pay their debts, and live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th
Our records are attended to, Some removals without certificates under Notice

Ans 10th
With little exception in One Meeting Friends have Endeavored to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially

Saml R Buffinton Clerk
By Robert P Gifford Clk for the day

Eighth Month 1893

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 Mo 3d 1893

The accounts from the several Monthly Meetings Composing it inform that they have appointed the following friends to attend this Meeting as there Representative Viz

From Rhode Island Joseph S Anthony
Benjamin Greene & G. Mason Chase
" Greenwich Joseph Anthony and
Charles W Earle
" Swansea Herbert A Skinner, Obadiah
Chace and Lemuel Chace
" Providence Robert P Gifford, Daniel
Meader and Robert B Hanson
" Greenwich William Collins and
Robert Browning

Whose names being called were all present Except One

The Representatives appointed to attend the last Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended Except One

The Committee appointed in 5th mo last to audit the Treasurers Accs and for other purposes presented the following report Viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Newport

The Committee appointed in 5th Mo last to audit the Treasurers account, find Correct Vouchers, and balance in his hands by seperate Bank deposit of $ 21.63

We propose that the sum of Five Hundred and fifty $550.

be raised for the use of this Mtg next year and that Robt P Gifford be appointed to serve the Meeting as Treasurer

Charles Sisson
Chas D Kenyon

Which being satisfactory is accepted by this Meeting, and Robert P Gifford is accordingly appointed Treasurer thereof for the ensuing year, and the several Mo Mtgs are requested to forward their proportion of the Sum named viz 550 dollars to Robert P Gifford its Treasurer, on or before the 1st of 4 Mo. 1894

The following Minute relative to Stock, has been received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting viz

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Portland Maine, by adjournments from the 9th of Sixth Month to the 14th of the same inclusive 1893

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

Dear Friends

It is Concluded to raise for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year, the sum of Two thousand Five hundred Dollars, and our several Quarterly Mtgs are hereby directed to pay to our Treasurer Samuel R Buffinton Fall River Mass, their respective proportions of this sum, on or before the first day of Fifth Month next

The quota for your Quarterly Meeting is 22% of 550

The following Conclusions of the Yearly Meeting, directing the forwarding of the same has also been received viz

The Clerk was directed to forward to our Subordinate Meetings. the following conclusions of this Meeting viz

Relating to "Statistics of Ministers and Elders" as found in Minute No 41 of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting for 1893, (Blanks will be furnished by the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting)

Relating to "The daily reading of the "Holy Scriptures" as in Minute No 49-

Relating to "A plan for Christian giving" as found in Minute No 62. a copy of which is attached to this paper

Also relating to Bible Schools and Superintendants as found in Minute No 70 of the Yearly Meetings Minutes for 1892

From the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid

Timothy J Hussey Clerk

And the Clerk is directed to furnish the several Mo Meetings with the said information, with a request also from this Meeting that the several matters referred to therein, receive the required attention from the Monthly Meetings. The Committee appointed in 11 mo 1891 on the subject of Temperance, for service before the Legislatures of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, should way open for it, is continued to perform such service, at this time with the addition of Isaac L Fish to the Committee on the part of this Meeting. This Meeting has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Frances A Estes, as an Associate Member of the Meeting on "Ministry and Oversight"; which being concurred in by the Womens Meeting

She is accordingly appointed a member thereof for two years, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information in such appointments.

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting at this time

The joint Committee appointed in 5th mo last in the case of Anna R Chace, made the following Report viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We your Committee of 5th month last in the case of Anna R Chace, have attended to our appointment —

From reasons which in Christian Courtesy she has given us, we are united in judgement that the Quarterly Meeting cannot consistently approve of her appointment as an Associate Member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Signed

Cynthia S Earle
Hannah T Ladd
Sarah J Hanson
Charles W Earle
Robert P Gifford
John F Chase

Newport
8mo 2d 1893

Which report we are informed was not accepted by the Womens Meeting and the Committee discharged from further service thereon, with which this Meeting concurs

The various subjects claiming our attention at this time, having been concluded, we separate purposing to meet in the 11th mo at Fall River Chase should the Lord permit. Saml R Griffeton
Clerk

Eleventh Month 1893

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 2d 1893 by the accounts received at this time from the several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following appointments have been made by them. as Representatives to this Meeting by

From Rhode Island. Isaac L. Fish, Isaac Manchester and Wm. H Peall

" Greenwich Joseph J King & Joseph Anthony.

" Swansea Obadiah Chace. Herbert A Skinner Charles Estes and Saml R Jefferton

" Providence Robert P Clifford & Robert B Hansen

" South Kingstown William T Collins

whose names being called are all present Except One. After the reading of the opening Minutes, and the calling of the names of the Representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting, in both the mens and womens meetings in Seperate sessions, a proposition was then made that the further business of the Quarterly Meeting, claiming our attention at this time, be considered and acted upon in the capacity of an United Meeting, as previously arranged for, which proposition being united with by both men and women friends the meeting then convened as a United Meeting with the Clerks as appointed in 2d Month last.

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting at this time.

This Meeting is informed by the accounts from Providence Monthly Meeting that they are united in the appointment of Susan Peckham to the Station of Elder, with which this Meeting unites to which station she is accordingly appointed and the Clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information, to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and to the individual

The committee of the Quarterly Meeting, appointed in 2 mo last, to visit Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, in the love of Christ presented the following report viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
Dear Friends

In accordance with our appointment, we have visited, in the love of Christ, Meetings and some of the members of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, We have had precious communion together, and have felt the blessing of the Masters presence. In a feeling of love and sympathy for the members of that Meeting, we desire that they may be brought more into harmony one with another, united in Christ, and loyal to our own branch of the Christian Church. We find a manifest appreciation of the Quarterly Meetings relation to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in by the labors of this Committee, and we believe some further care should be extended, in loving teaching and advice in relation to any views and practices which are contrary to the Holy Scriptures and our Christian Discipline

By direction of the Committee
Joseph H. Atwater
Phebe S. Aydelott
Fall River 11 mo 2 1893

Which is accepted by this meeting, and the same Committee is continued for further service therein, and in accordance with the recommendations of the report to extend loving teaching and advice in relation to any views and practices which are contrary to the Holy Scriptures and our Christian Discipline

The further consideration of the case of Anna R Chace as an Associate Member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

This Meeting is united that when the Quarterly Meeting convenes for business in 2 mo next at Providence, that it meets in Joint Session and the Monthly Meetings are requested to send their accounts thereto accordingly—

The business which has claimed the attention of this Meeting being concluded in harmony we separate purposing to meet at Providence in 2 mo next should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton. Clerk

Second Month 1894

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, Convened in Joint Session of Men and Women Friends at Providence 2 mo 1st 1894, in pursuance with minute of the Qr Meeting held at Fall River in 11 mo last ~ Accounts from the several Monthly Meetings having been received, by which we are informed that the following named persons were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as Representatives therefrom by Smo R Island Edward J Faulkner John F Chase. Benjamin Greene

Thomas J Buffum Anna R Macomber Anna Manchester and Anna Fish

From Greenwich Chas W Earle Joseph Anthony Harriet A Shove Cynthia J Earle and Lydia E Drinkwater

Swansea

Sarah C Skinner Frances A Estes Adaline F Chace Henry C Aydelott Herbert A Skinner Samuel R Buffinton Obadiah Chace and Charity Estes

Providence

Hannah P Ladd Susan Peckham Anna A Meader Daniel Meader Robert J Hanson Thomas Y Jackson and John H Meader

South Kingstown

Harriet D Collins and William H Perry

Whose names being called all responded thereto Except Two

Charles W Earle on behalf of the Men and Women representatives to this Meeting informed that they had met and conferred together upon the subject of Clerks for this and for United Quarterly Meetings (if any such was held the ensuing year) and that the name of Samuel R Buffinton was proposed as Clerk of the Mens Meeting and Susan Peckham as Clerk of the Womens Meeting, with Chas W Earle and Hannah P Ladd as Assistants Clerks, of same when held as Seperate Meetings, for the ensuing year, and that Saml R Buffinton was also proposed as Clerk and Susan Peckham as Assistant Clerk of United Quarterly Meetings

of theirs held during the period named
Which propositions being seperately considered by the
Meeting, and united with by the same
they are accordingly appointed for the
respective position named for the ensuing
year.

Greenwich and So Kingstown Monthly
Meetings inform that they have directed
their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of the
Quarterly Meeting, their quota of this
Meetings Stock ordered in 8 Mo last

The
Queries as required has been read at
this time.

Our friend William I Pinkham
attended this Meeting, with minute of
Unity with him as a Minister from
Falmouth Monthly Meeting Maine of Friends
held, 4 Mo 20th 1893, "His company and
Gospel services have been acceptable and encouraging to
us, and the Clerks are directed to furnish
him with a copy of this minute, and
sign the same on our behalf.

The quota of The London
General Epistle for 1893, for this Meeting
has been received, and apportioned
and sent down to the several Monthly
Meetings

The further consideration of
the case of Anna R Chase referred to
this Meeting from our Qr Meeting in 11 Mo
last, having been weightedly considered
at this time, after the reading of a
letter from the Committee of the Quarterly
Meeting to the said Anna R Chase
upon the subject of their appointment,
together with her reply thereto, (in
accordance with the provisions of Discipline
page 82. Second paragraph) and the Meeting
being unable to come to a decision
at this time, the subject was further
continued, and referred to the Quarterly
Meeting to be held at Newport R I in
8th month next

"Having disposed of the business that has come before us at this time, we conclude, proposing to meet at East Greenwich at the usual time in the 5th Month next in joint session should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton }
Susan Peckham } Clerks

Fifth Month 1894

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends met in joint session of Men and Women Friends at East Greenwich 5 Mo 3d 1894 in pursuance with minute of said Meeting held at Providence in 2nd Month last

The Accounts from the several Mo Meetings being received we are informed thereby that the following named Friends were appointed by them to attend this Meeting as their Representatives viz

From Rhode Island Benjamin Greene Isaac Manchester Anna L Manchester & Anna J Macomber

" Greenwich. Cynthia J Earle. Charles W Earle Joanna Peck Joseph Anthony and Lydia E Drinkwater

" Swansea. Henry C Aydelott. Obadiah Chace Chas E Estes Richard Stanley James Easterbrook. Esther Chace Luella E. Jones. Phebe S Aydelott

" Providence Louisa N Meader Augusta Battey Elizabeth A Gifford Chas D Kenyon, Chas C Varney & Joseph H Atwater

" South Kingstown John Babcock Electa J Collins & Robert Browning

Whose names being called responded as present Except three for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was given

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting with Answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings constituting the same from which a summary has been prepared and adopted by this Meeting which is directed to be forwarded to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Newport in the State of Rhode Island, with other extracts from our Minutes for its information, and we appoint as our Representatives to attend the same our friends Obadiah Chace Charles C Varney Harriet D Collins Saml R Buffinton Robert P Gifford Elizabeth S Newton Phebe R Gifford Chas W Earle Augustine Jones Esther Chace Catharine Greene Benjamin Greene Cynthia J Earle Frank E Jones Louisa N Meader Phebe S Aydelott Harriet A Shove Daniel Meader Henry C Aydelott Emma A Greene Joseph H Atwater Ellen K Buffum, Anne L Manchester & Chas A Chace

Greenwich Monthly Meeting by its accounts inform that Rhoda H Buffinton an Elder and Member of that Meeting died 2 mo 27th 1894 in the 84th year of her age

Swansea Monthly Meeting also by its accounts that Darius Buffinton an Elder and Member of that Meeting has been released from Membership in the Society at his own request, and that the time of holding of Newtown Preparative Meeting has been changed from the week preceding Monthly Meeting to the Second Week preceding the said Meeting. at the close of the Mid week Meeting for Worship. as heretofore

Our friend Susan Peckham the Clerk of the Womens Meeting not being present at this time on account of indisposition, our friend Hannah Rhoda [illegible] proposed as Clerk for the day which being united with by this Meeting she is accordingly appointed to that service

[illegible]

An interesting Report from the Womens Foreign Missionary Society of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, has been read at this time, and our Members, are Encouraged to aid the Concern by their presence and means, and the said Report is directed to be place on our Records and is as follows viz

the Indian Missions and to Ramallah. The lack of interest in this work shown by two of the auxiliaries is much to be regretted. In one, however, promise of renewed effort for the coming year is made, and it is hoped that the other may be able to revive the interest which was once felt in this good work.

Sarah Caroline Tobey
Vice Pres. of W. F. M. S. for
R. I. Q. Meeting

Our Bible School Superintendent, reports that she has given the subject of her appointment the necessary attention, and has prepared the required statistical information for the Yearly Meeting,

Our Treasurer informs that all the Monthly Meetings have paid their quota of this Meetings Stock, called for last year and that the same has been paid by him to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. The Committee of this Meeting appointed to visit Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the love of Christ presented the following report viz

To R. I. Quarterly Meeting

Your Committee under appointment to visit R. I. Monthly Meeting in the love of Christ, have given further attention to that duty since last report.

Several of the Committee attended their last Monthly Meeting, and had good evidence of the Master's presence and blessing. The original causes of disunity and which led to our appointment, have not been fully removed, but we trust there is more harmony in the administration of the discipline, the defection in regard to our testimonies still exists which will call for the prayerful, active service of concerned friends in their behalf. We would not advise the continuance of the Committee.

By direction and on behalf of Committee

Joseph H. Atwater

Which report is accepted by the Meeting and the recommendation, with the advice of the same approved of, and they are accordingly released from further service thereon

Annual ✷ Report

OF THE

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

OF THE

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING,

To the Quarterly Meeting Vice Presidents.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN BEFORE MO. 18 , TO

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Make your reports of everything to the first of Fourth Month of each year, and let the answers to Nos. 3, 8, 11, 13, 14 and 16 be full and explicit.

1. Name of Auxiliary, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

2. Address of Corresponding Secretary,

3. Have meetings been regularly held, and what has been your usual order of exercises? Meetings have been regularly held except in two Auxiliaries. All meeting are opened by Scripture reading followed by a season of prayer and in some auxiliaries the singing of a hymn. After the business of the meeting, recitations, the lesson from the Advocate, or reading of Missionary literature follow.

4. Number of women in your Monthly Meeting over 18 years of age, 333.

5. How many of these are members of the W. F. M. S.? 78.

6. Number of members enrolled, 114

In one auxiliary six more members were given, but as they have not paid their membership fees could not be counted. The fees of the three who have paid in that auxiliary have not been forwarded to the General Treasurer.

a. Number paying 50 cents, 113.

b. Number paying 25 cents, 1.

7. Amount of money raised during the year ending Fourth Month 1st, $350.12.

8. How raised? By membership-fees, collection Donations, mite-boxes, - private sales, and suppers.

9. Amount of money sent to Treasurer of Executive Board, $304.35

10. Amount of money used for current expenses and for material, $28.24

Retained in auxiliaries - $17.53

11. Do our missions at Ramallah and in the Indian Territory receive your first attention? They do.

12. What others have you helped? Not any, with the exception of one auxiliary which has helped in the Sea Island disaster and the North Carolina mission.

13. Do you observe the first Sabbath in each month as a season of special prayer for missions in accord with the General Call?

In one auxiliary only.

14. Do you carry on the work of the Departments of Systematic Christian Giving, General Literature, and Junior and Juvenile Work, under the care of Superintendents? Two auxiliaries carry on all three of these departments. One has the department of Systematic Christian Giving and General Literature, one that of General Literature only, and two auxiliaries have neither of the three departments.

15. The Treasurer of each Auxiliary is requested to make up her annual report for the Treasurer of the Executive Board to the first of Fourth Month of each year, also sending a duplicate copy to the Quarterly Meeting Vice President. (No. 15 is now a part of the Constitution.)

16. Remarks.

Two of the auxiliaries speak of valuable boxes of goods sent to

We appoint our friends Charles Sisson John Babcock and Charles D Kenyon a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting, name a friend for Treasurer the ensuing year name a sum necessary to be raised for the use of this Meeting, and report to the Quarterly Meeting in 8 Mo next at Newport R I

The following Statistical information has been received from the several Monthly Meeting as follows Viz

Monthly Meetings	Error in last Years Report Loss	Births	Deaths	Moved In	Moved Out	Released or Disowned	Admitted	Gain	Loss	Total Membership 3 mo 1st 1894
Rhode Island		4	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	212
Greenwich	7	0	2	0	0	0	0		9	40
Swansea		3	3	5	0	12	21	14		334
Providence		0	1	2	8	1	9	1		189
So. Kingstown		2	2	0	0	0	1	1		82
Totals	7	9	10	8	11	14 =	32	16 =	9 =	857

	Number of Ministers	Do. of Elders	Do of Associate Members	
Rhode Island	4	3	8	
Greenwich	3	6	0	
Swansea	5	5	14	
Providence	5	12	8	
So Kingstown	3	5	0	
Totals	20	31	30	30

Which information shows our total membership 3 mo 1st 1894 to be as above 857
a net gain of 7 the past year
number of Ministers 20
" " Elders 31
" " Associate Members 30
Total membership of Meeting on Ministry & Oversight 81
No Ministers Deceased (None) Elders see page 355

Name of Monthly Meetings	Number of Children between 5 and 21 —	Number of Children between 12 and 21 —	Number Attending School	Number Attending School Taught or Controlled by Friends	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends between 12 & 21
Rhode Island	40	22	27	2	2
Greenwich	5	0	5	0	0
Swansea	74	44	51	8	6
Providence	15	12	15	6.	5
So Kingstown	8	3	6	0	0
Totals	142	81	104	16	13

Abstracts of the foregoing Statistical information is directed to be forwarded to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting. The business which has claimed our attention at this time, having been brought to a harmonious and satisfactory conclusion we separate proposing to meet at the usual time at Newport in 8 Mo next in Joint Session should the Lord permit

Samuel R Buffinton Clerk
Hannah [illegible] Clerk
for the day —

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to Meet in joint Session at Newport in the State of Rhode Island in 6 mo next

Dear Friends

The queries have all been read in this Meeting with Answers thereto, from all the Monthly Meetings Composing it, from which the accompanying Summary has been adopted by this Meeting for your information, which together with other extracts from our Minutes the Clerks are directed to forward to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting, and we appoint as our Representatives to attend the same our friends Phebe R Gifford Elizabeth S Newton, Harriet D Collins, Cynthia J Earle, Esther Chace, Louisa A Meader, Phebe S Aydelott, Harriet A Shove, Eunice A Greene Ellen K Buffum Annie L Manchester Obadiah Chace, Charles C Varney, Saml R Buffinton, Robert P Gifford, Charles H Earle, Augustine Jones, Frank E Jones, Daniel Meader, Henry C Aydelott, Joseph H Atwater, Benjamin Greene and Chas A Chace

Catharine Greene

Rhoda H Buffinton an Elder and Member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting died 1 mo 7th 1894 in the 84th year of her age

Swansea Monthly Meeting informs that Darius Buffinton an Elder and member of that meeting has been released from membership in our Society at his own request

And also that the time of holding Freetown Preparative Meeting has been changed from the week preceding Monthly Meeting to two weeks preceding the holding of the same. At the close of the Mid week Meeting for worship as heretofore

This Meeting has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of one Associate Member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for two years [illegible]

Our Treasurer informs that this Meeting quota called for last year has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting

The Statistical Report as required by minute of the Yearly Meeting last year is herewith transmitted in accordance therewith upon the circular form issued by said Meeting for the use of its subordinate Meetings -

The conclusions of the Yearly Meeting last year sent down by minute to this Meeting, in relation to statistical information concerning Ministers and Elders, the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, A plan for Christian giving, Bible Schools and Superintendents was duly received, and the said information furnished our several Monthly Meetings

Our Bible School Superintendent reports attention to her appointment, and has forwarded the required Statistical information for the Yearly Meeting *

The several Official documents issued by the Yearly Meeting for distribution among its subordinate Meetings was duly received by this Meeting, apportioned and sent down to the said Meetings within our limits

Taken from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends by direction and on behalf of said Meeting held in joint session at East Greenwich R I 5 Mo 3rd 1894

Samuel R Buffinton Clerk
Hannah F Ladd Clerk
for the day

Note * The appointment of Bible Schools Superintendent for this Quarterly Meeting of the ensuing year was inadvertently overlooked, which subject will be referred to the Representatives of this Meeting for their consideration and action thereon

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

Summary Answers

1st Our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except 72 this deficiency occurs in in two Meetings

First-day Meetings quite well attended, mid-week meetings very small, the hour of assembling nearly observed

2d With some exceptions in two Meetings Love and Unity maintained — detraction not always guarded against, when differences arise Endeavors are used to end them

3d There has been a care manifested by most Friends to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to influence their Children and others in accordance with our Christian profession

4th Most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families. Encouraging their Children and others, but we find a neglect in the daily reading of them in their families, although the number is not known. Careful to maintain our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry

5th We think Friends with Six exceptions of Male Members, Abstain from the use of intoxicants as a beverage, Our Members are careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with a Christian Character, and try to observe true Moderation in all things

6th The several requirements of this Query appear to be generally complied with.

7th We believe Friends Maintain our testimony in regard to the several parts of this Query

8th Friends with few exceptions are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to attend to the just discharge of promises and debts and to live within their income

9th Records are kept according to Discipline, a few removals without Certificates. Some care taken

10th The Discipline is administered in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially with some exceptions in One Meeting

Saml R Buffinton Clerks
Hannah P Ladd " for the day

Eighth Month 1894

Rhode Quarterly Meeting of Friends met in joint session of Men and Women friends at New Port R.I. 8th Mo 2d 1894, in pursuance with Minute of said Meeting held at East Greenwich the 5th month of last. The accounts from the several Monthly Meetings inform that the following named individuals were appointed, by them to attend this Meeting as their Representatives by

From Rhode Island Thomas B Buffum Benjamin W Carr Anna B Macomber and Margaret Sherman
" Greenwich Cynthia J Earle Catharine Green Moses H Buffington Alice C Earle and Joseph J King
" Swansea Henry C Aydelott Frank E Jones Daniel R Shove Phebe S Aydelott Esther Chace and Rachel P Chace
" Providence Deborah W. Gifford Elizabeth A Gifford Sarah J Hanson John H Meader Chas H Jattey and Robert B Hanson
" So Kingstown Wm H Perry Electa Jane Collins Elvira M Perry and Robert Browning

Whose names being called are present except four (4) The man clerk of this meeting being unavoidably absent, Chas H Earle was appointed Clerk for the day

The records of our last Meeting were read

The committee appointed in 5th month last to audit the Treasurers a/cs and for other purposes presented the following report viz

Providence 7 mo 28th 1894

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The Treasurers account has been Examined and found correct with balance in his hands of Twenty One 63/100 (21.63) Dollars

We propose the sum of $550 Five hundred and fifty Dollars to be raised for the coming year, and that Robert P Gifford serve the Meeting as Treasurer

For the Committee
Charles Sisson

Which report is satisfactory and accepted by this Meeting, and the recommendations contained therein are adopted and Robert P Gifford is accordingly appointed Treasurer thereof for the ensuing year and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward there several quota's of the amount named viz 550 dollars to Robt P Gifford its Treasurer on or before the 1st of 5th mo 1895

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting.

The subject of systematic giving was presented to the Meeting by the Secretary of the Finance committee of the Yearly Meeting

This Meeting is united in the appointment of a Committee to act in conjunction with the Gospel Work Committee of the Yearly Meeting, in visiting our small Meetings, and giving such advice and counsel to each Meeting visited as in their judgment the same may demand or benefitted thereby, And the following named friends are appointed for that service by John S Kimber Anna J Macomber Cynthia J Earle Chas W Earle Lemuel H Chace Esther Chace Robert P Gifford Hannah P Ladd William P Collins and Mary L Jones

A communication from Rhode ~~Island~~ Monthly Meeting, embracing a concern of our friend John S Kimber a Minister in unity with us, for service as therein set forth together with his personal presentation of the same which concern being united with by that Meeting he was liberated by Minute of the Same for the accomplishment of the said service which being read in this Meeting, was united with, and he left at liberty and encouraged to prosecute his concern as the Lord by His Spirit may lead him, and the clerks of this Meeting are directed to sign ~~to~~ ~~sign~~ its endorsement upon the Minute of said Mo Meeting, on our behalf

This Meeting is united in the appointment of M Augusta Battey as Superintendent of Bible Schools for this Quarterly Meeting, until fifth month next and our several Mo Meetings are to be informed of the said appointment by this Meeting

Our beloved brother James M. Estes, is with us at this time and has presented a minute granted him by Vassalboro Mo Meeting held 5th mo 15th 1894. His company and religious labor has been acceptable to us and the clerks are directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute, and sign the same on our behalf

The following Minute relative to Stock has been received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting by

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

Dear Friends

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the Ensuing year, the Sum of Two thousand five Hundred (2500) dollars and our Several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay to Saml R Buffinton our Treasurer their respective proportions of said sum on or before the first of Fifth Month next

The quota for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is 22% $550.

Our attention and also that of Monthly Meetings is ~~—~~ called and particularly directed to the following Minutes of the Yearly Meeting for 1894

viz Minute No 31 relating to finances
" " 48 " " Overseers &c
" " 51 " Care of Records
" " 59 Expunging Clause
~ ~ in Discipline
" 68 Section of relating to the appointment of Representatives to the Yearly Meeting
" " 70 Rescinding Minute No 49 of the Minutes of 1893 -
" " 78 relating to one set of Answers to the Queries

From the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid
Timothy B Hussey Clerk

And our several Mo Meetings are requested to give the matters referred to above, upon receiving Official information from this meeting, which our Clerks are directed to furnish them, together also with Statistical blanks furnished by the Y. Meeting

The case of Anna R Chace by reference in ~~from the~~ minutes of 2d mo last, was then considered untill the lateness of the hour was the cause of the Meeting's concluding without any action being taken thereon, Whereupon the Meeting separated, to convene at the usual time in the 11th mo next at Fall River

Chas. W. Earle Clerk
for the day —
Susan Peckham Clerk

Eleventh Month 1894

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, convened in joint Session of Men and Women Friends, in accordance with the practice of late no direction having been given by that Meeting in 8 Mo last, how said Meeting should meet.

The Accounts from the several Monthly Meetings being received by this Meeting. We are informed that the following appointments were made by them, as Representatives to this Meeting by

From Rhode Island

Joseph E Macomber, John B Cornell, John H Chace, Edward C Faulkner, Benjamin Greene, Margaret Sherman and Anna J Macomber

From Greenwich

Harriet A Shove, Lydia Drinkwater, Catharine Green, Cynthia J Earle and Joseph Anthony

From Swansea

Adaline S Chace, Charles Estes, Sarah E Skinner, Richard P Stanley, Parthenia Underwood, Maria Buffinton, Thomas D Fletcher and Frank E Jones

From Providence

Anna C Varney Sarah J Hanson Elizabeth A Gifford Augustine Jones Joseph H Atwater and Robert P Gifford

From South Kingstown

William T Collins and Josephine B Collins

Whose names being called are all present except 5

The Queries as required has been read in this Meeting at this time.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting by its accounts inform that they are united in discontinuing the Meeting at Hopkinton, except on First-day previous to the holding of the Monthly Meeting

Providence Monthly Meeting by its accounts inform that they have Re established the Preparative Meeting formerly known as Lower Smithfield (discontinued in 1877) under the name of Saylesville Preparative Meeting and to be held on Fourth (4th) day preceding our [illegible] Monthly Meeting beginning with a Meeting for Worship at 7.30 P.M

Our beloved friend Mary Jane Weaver a Minister of the gospel from Elba Monthly Meeting New York attended this Meeting with a minute of Unity with her concern as set forth in said minute, Her company and gospel service has been acceptable to us, and the Clerks are directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign the same on our behalf

Our beloved friend Alice C Winslow a Minister of the gospel attended this Meeting, with a Minute of Unity with her prospect as set forth therein from Dartmouth Mo Meeting dated 9/26/94 Her company and gospel service has been acceptable to us, and the Clerks are directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign the same on our behalf

The case of Anna R Chace referred to this Meeting from 2d mo. last and discussed without conclusion at our Meeting in 8th mo. has been presented again at this time, and for want of sufficient unity on the subject. We refer the same back to Swansea Monthly Meeting.

The business of the Meeting being concluded in harmony and brotherly condescension, and having been favored with acceptable gospel service from Ministering Friends in attendance at this time. We separate purposing to meet at Providence in 2d mo next at the usual time

Saml R Buffinton }
Susan Peckham } Clerks

Second Month 1895

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, convened in joint session 2d mo 1st 1895 at Providence R.I. the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings being received, it is informed that the following appointments were made by them, as Representatives to this Meeting by

From Rhode Island
Isaac L Fish. Robert C Wetherell, Lydia A Goddard Emma A Green. Anna L Manchester and Laura Criswell

From
Greenwich Chas W Earle Gulielma Freeborn Lydia Ann Merrill Harriet A Shove Cynthia J Earle and Joseph Anthony

From Swansea

Henry C Aydelott Lemuel Chace Frank E Jones G Mahlon Chace Esther Chace Mary L Chace and Fannie A Estes)

Providence

Elizabeth C Capron Sarah J Hanson Augustine Jones Charles E Varney, Robert J Hanson Joseph H Atwater and Robert P Gifford

So Kingstown

William H Perry,

Whose names being called responded thereto except Four (4)

Robert P Gifford on behalf of the Representatives to this Meeting, of both Men and Women Friends, informs that they have conferred together upon the subject of Clerks for this Meeting and were United in presenting the name of Samuel R Buffinton for Clerk and Charles W Earle for Assistant Clerk and Susan Peckham for Clerk and Hannah P Ladd for Assistant Clerk of the Meeting when held in Seperate Sessions, and they were also united in presenting the name of Saml R Buffinton for Clerk and Susan Peckham for Assistant Clerk, for United Meetings anysuch be held the ensuing year Which propositions being separately considered, is United with by this Meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to those service respectively for the ensuing year

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs by its accounts, that they have directed their Treasurer to pay that Meetings quota of Quarterly Meeting Stock

A proposition being made in this Meeting, that the Quarterly Meeting in the future be held as a United Quarterly Meeting, unless otherwise directed by it, which proposition being considered is united with at this time, and the Quarterly Meeting will be held in accordance with said action. as a United Meeting of Men and Women Friends. and our Monthly Meetings, are requested to send there accounts to the Qr Meeting in accordance with the action of this Meeting

The Queries as required have all been read at this time

Our beloved friend Elias H Cartland a minister of the Gospel attended this Meeting, with minute from Parsonsfield, Mo Meeting held 10mo 17th 1894, Expressing unity with him as a Minister, and with his Concern as set forth therein, His company and Gospel service has been acceptable to us. Since the Clerks are directed him with a copy of this minute and sign the same on our behalf

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting by its accounts inform that they were agreed in the appointment of the following named Friends.

3mo 95 for Associated Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. viz Lydia R Goddard, Daniel Wetherell And Ruth A Wetherell, which appointment being united with by this Meeting they are accordingly appointed as associated members thereof for two years, and the Clerks are directed to furnish the information to the individuals and the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

Providence Monthly Meeting informs by its account, that they are united in proposing for the approval of this Meeting the names of Samuel Austin M Augusta Lattey Sarah Caroline Obey Asenath Pettew Anna A. Meader Elizabeth E Capron, Ellen M Atwater and Elizabeth A. Gifford, as Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight Which proposition being united with by this Meeting they are accordingly appointed as Associate Members of the said Meeting for two years. and the Clerks are directed to furnish the necessary information to them and to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

3mo
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With the account from Swansea Monthly Meeting, the minute from this Meeting made in 11 mo last, in the case of Anna R Chase being returned to this Meeting, and attention having been called to a clause of Discipline on page 74. with regard to referring the same to a Superior Meeting — We have after due deliberation, come to the conclusion, that the matter has already been decided according to Discipline and further decide that the original proposition presented from that Meeting to this be indefinately postponed, And the Clerks of this Meeting are directed to inform, you of the action of this Meeting thereon

The Clerks of this Meeting were directed to sign on behalf of the same a petition to the U. S. Congress relating to a resolution for Peace and Arbitration treaty between our own Nation and Great Britain

The business having been concluded in separate sessions, to meet at East Greenwich as a United Quarterly Meeting in 5th mo next, at the usual time, should the Lord permit.

Anna R. Carpenter
Susan Peckham,
Clerks.

Fifth Month 1895

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends convened as a United Meeting of Men and Women Friends at East Greenwich 5 Mo 2d 1895 in pursuance with minute of said Meeting held at Providence in 2d month last. The accounts from the several Monthly Meetings have been received at this time, by which we are informed that the Friends hereafter named were appointed to attend this Meeting as their Representatives

by

From Rhode Island. Thomas J. Buffum, Lydia A. Goddard, Richard R. Macomber, Eunice A. Greene, Laura Oswell and Albert W. Lawrence

Greenwich. Chas W. Earle, Joseph Anthony, Cynthia J. Earle, Lydia E. Drinkwater and Joanna Peck

Swansea. Chas A. Chace, Frank E. Jones, Charles Estes, Obadiah Chace, Sarah K. Skinner and Phebe S. Aydelott

Providence. Louisa N. Meader, Hannah J. Ladd, Anna C. Varney, Charles C. Varney, Joseph H. Atwater and Robert G. Clifford

South Kingstown John Babcock and Mary Anna Gould

Whose names being called responded thereto as present Except 7 for the absence of 3. Satisfactory reasons were given

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting, with answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings Constituting it, from which a summary has been adopted, by it, which is directed to be forwarded to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held in Portland in the State of Maine, in 6mo next, with other extracts from our minutes for its information, and we appoint as our Representatives to attend the same our Friends

Charles C Varney Frank E Jones, Charles E. Dore. Augustine Jones Obadiah Chace. Samuel R. Buffinton. Jane E. Dore Cynthia J Earle. Esther Chace Susan Peckham Ellen K Buffum Henry C Aydelott Charles Estes Phebe B Aydelott Robert P Gifford. Eunice W Greene Benjamin Greene, M Agusta Battey Catharine Greene Charles M Earle —— Phebe R Gifford and Joseph H Atwater Total 22

Our beloved friend Fernando G Cartland attended this Meeting with a Minute expressing unity with him as a Minister, and with his prospect as expressed therein from Poughkeepsie Monthly Meeting held 7mo 18th 1894 His company and Gospel services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish with a copy of this Minute, and sign the same on our behalf

We have also with us at this time the company of our friend Nathan Douglass, and other Ministering Friends whose company and services in the gospel has been very acceptable and Encouraging to us.

Our friends Samuel R Buffington and Phebe S Aydelott were appointed at this time as members of the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting from this Meeting for the ensuing year, in pursuance with Minute No 68. of the Yearly Meeting for 1894.

Our Treasurer informs that all our Monthly Meetings have paid their quotas of this Meetings Stock called for in 8 mo last year, which has been paid to ~~and~~ the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The following Statistical has been received from the Several Monthly Meeting and is as follows

Names of Monthly Meetings	Number Reported Last Year	Error in last Years Report Gain	Ditto Loss	Births	Deaths	Moved In	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gains	Loss	Present No of Members 3 mo 1st 1895
Rhode Island	212	0	0	3	4	1	0	3	2	1	0	213
Greenwich	40	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	40
Swansea	334	1	0	1	3	0	2	3	4	5	9	330
Providence	189	0	0	0	4	8	0	26	2	28	0	217
So Kingstown	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
Total	857	1	0	5	13	9	2	33	8	34	9	882

Rhode Island	Number of Ministers	Ditto of Elders	Ditto of Associate Members
Greenwich	Four (4)	One (1)	Three (3)
Swansea	Three (3)	Six (6)	Nine 0
Providence	Five (5)	Five (5)	Fourteen 14
So Kingstown	Six (6)	Ten (10)	Eight (8)
" "	Three (3)	Five (5)	None (0)
Total	21	27	25
	21	27	25

Number of Elders deceased from 3 mo 1st 94 to 3/1/95

Name of Elder deceased Monthly Meeting Rhode Island	Date of Death	Age in Years or in what Year of age
Susanna Mott	8 mo 30th 1894	76 yrs & 8 mos
Sarah Almy	4 " 15th 1894	80th yr of her age
Providence Mo Meeting		
Sarah F. Tobey	5 mo 25th 1894	88th yr of her age
Daniel Meader	10 mo 6th 1894	69 " " his "

Statistics of Children

Monthly Meetings	Between 4 & 21 Years	Do do 12 & 21 Years	Members Attending School	Do Attending schools taught or controlled by Friends	Do do between 12 & 21 Years of age
Rhode Island	27	13	23	2	2
Greenwich	5	1	5	0	0
Swansea	85	48	54	3	3
Providence	29	17	26	7	6
So Kingstown	10	6	7	0	0
Total	156	85	115	12	11

Which information as per the foregoing tabular Statements is as follows viz

Whole number of Members 3 mo 1, 94 857
" " of " 3 " 1/95 882
Showing an increase in membership from 3 mo 1st 1894 to 3 mo 1st 1895 to have been 26

Whole number of Ministers 3 mo 1st 1895 3
" " of Elders " " " " 7
" " Associate Members do 25
Number of Ministers deceased from 3/1/94 to 3/1/95 None
Number of Elders deceased from 3/1/94 to 3/1/95 —
An abstract of the above statistical information is directed to be forwarded to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting

We appoint our friends Augustine Jones and Charles Sisson, a committee to Audit the Treasurers Accounts, and name a sum necessary to be raised for the Meeting the Ensuing year, and ~~anew~~ a person to serve as Treasurer thereof.

By Meeting to [illegible] of appointment

Our Bible School Superintendent presented a satisfactory report for the past year, and we reappoint our friend M Augusta Battey for that service the ensuing year. (See Minute No 70 of Yearly Meeting for 1892, directing this appointment.) Which report as follows hereto attached to these records is as follows viz

Statistical Report of the Bible Schools in

Location of School	Local Supt. name & Address	Mo. Meeting	Membership of School	Average Attendance	No. of	
Portsmouth	John B. Cornell, Portsmouth, R.I.	Rhode Island	44	22	15	5
Newport	Anna B. [illegible], " "	Rhode Island	67	42	19	4
Saylesville	Joseph H. Atwater, Saylesville, R.I.	Providence	75	60	30	6
Providence	R. P. Gifford, Providence, R.I.	Providence	25	15	20	3
Somerset	G. Mahlon Chace, B. 66, Fall River, Mass.	Swansea	121	32	67	9
Fall River	H. A. Skinner, Fall River, Mass.	Swansea	101	56	51	10
East Greenwich	Lydia A. Drinkwater, E. Greenwich, R.I.	E. Greenwich	15	10	8	2

Amended Copy.

I. Quarterly Meeting

…ends	…of Classes	No. evidencing change of heart during year	Is religious Interest increasing	are teachers meetings held?	Volumes in Library	Books added during year	Lesson helps used	Kinds of Papers used	No. of papers distributed	Temperance Lessons	Peace Lessons	Is Childrens day observed	Mos. of School	Collection
			[illegible]	No		1							12	
			yes	No	242	0							12	
				No	150	a few							12	
				No	200	0							5	
				No	313	15							12	
				once a month	301	0							12	
					132								12	

Wm. [illegible],

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting Supt.

Annual Report of the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools of R. I. Quar. Meeting.

For the year ending 3 mo 31st 1895.

Name of School	Newport B.S.	Portsmouth B.S.	East Greenwich	Fall River B.S.	Somerset B. S.	Providence B.S.	Saylesville B.S.
Mo. Meeting to which belonging.	R. Island	R. Island	Greenwich	Swansea	Swansea	Providence	Providence
Name of Superintendent	Anna B Macomber	John B Cornell	Lydia E. Drinkwater	Herbert A Skinner	G. Mahlon Chase	Robert P. Gifford	Jos. H. Atwater
P.O. address of "	25 Farewell St Newport R.I.	Portsmouth R.I.	East Greenwich R.I.	Durfee St. Fall Riv	Box 355 Fall River, Mass	Prov R.I.	116 Pine St Prov. R.I.
No. Enrolled in Adult Classes							
" " " Intermediate "							
" " " Primary "							
" Officers & Teachers enrolled							
Total Membership of School	[illegible]	44	15	96	121	36	[illegible]
Average attendance	42 2/13	9	10 4/[illegible]	58 2/3	47	23	[illegible]
No Classes	4	5	2	10	9	4	6
Officers & Teachers mem. Soc. Fds.	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	25	[illegible]
Scholars " " "							
Friends who labor in other Schools							
Books in Library	242		132	307	313	200	150
Books added during year	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
How often are Teachers Mtgs held?	none	none	none	once a month	none	none	none
Amount paid from Collect for School purposes							
" " " " " Missionary "							
" " " " " other "							
Total amount of Collection	21.88	$ 5.51		58.67	[illegible]		9.[illegible]

Original report 5/7/95

M. Augusta Bailey, Quarterly Meeting Supt.

The report of the Quarterly Meeting Vice President of the Womens Foreign Missionary Society has been received, and read. It gives a very encouraging account of the faithful work done by our various Auxiliaries, and has been listened to with a great deal of interest and satisfaction And said Report is filed with other reports and papers of this Meeting for future reference

Swansea Monthly Meeting by their account informs that they were united in the appointment of Adaline F Chace to the station of Elder, which proposition being considered in this Meeting, it is the conclusion, to continue the same for further consideration and action, to our next Quarterly Meeting

The business of the Meeting which has claimed our attention at this time having been concluded, we separate purposing to meet at Newport as a United Quarterly Meeting in 8 mo next at the usual time should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to be held at Portland in the State of Maine to meet joint session of Men and Women Friends in 6th mo next

Dear Friends

The Queries have all been read at this time, in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings constituting it, from which the accompany Summary has been adopted, by it for your information, which together with other Extracts from our Minutes the Clerk is directed to forward to you by the Representatives hereafter named, whom we appoint to attend the same viz

Charles C Carney Phebe R Gifford, Catharine Greene, Esther Chace, Obadiah Chace, Ellen K Buffum Susan Peckham Eunice A Greene Benjamin Greene Augustine Jones Samuel R Buffinton Charles W Earle Cynthia J Earle, Henry C Aydelott Phebe S Aydelott, Charles E Dore Jane Dore Robert J Gifford Fredk E Jones Charles Estes M Augusta Battey and Joseph H Atwater viz

The Statistical information required by your Meeting from Subordinate Meetings, is forwarded herewith upon forms furnished by you for that purpose, to which we would refer you for the information desired from this Meeting

This Meeting has united with Rhode Island ~~Monthly Meeting~~ and Providence Monthly Meetings in the appointment of Eleven (11) Associate members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight the past year

Minutes Nos 31-48-51-59-68-70 and 78 of the Printed Minutes of last year to which the attention of this Meeting was Officially called received the desired attention from it

Our Treasurer informs that the quota of this Meetings Stock called for by the Yearly Meeting last year has been paid to its Treasurer

Our Superintendent of Bible Schools presented her annual report at this time, and we re-appoint our former M Augusta Gatley for that service the ensuing year

This Meeting has united with Providence Monthly in re-establishing the Preparative Meeting formerly known as Lower Smithfield (discontinued in 1877) under the name of Saylesville Preparative Meeting, and held on Fourth (4th) day preceding the said Monthly Meeting, beginning with a Meeting for Worship at 7.30 P.M.

And with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in discontinuing the Meeting for Worship at Hopkinton except on the First day previous to the holding of the Monthly Meeting at that place

This Meeting in accordance with the directions of the last Yearly Meeting (upon printed Minute No 68) appointed Samuel R Buffinton and Phebe S Aydelott, Members of that Meeting Finance Committee for the ensuing year

Our quota of the several Official documents issued by the Yearly Meeting for this and other Subordinate Meetings were duly received, apportioned, and forwarded to the same respectively

Taken from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends by direction and on behalf of said Meeting, held as a United Quarterly Meeting at East Greenwich R I 5th Mo 2d 1895

Samuel R Buffington
Clerk

Summary Answers to the Queries
from the aforesaid Quarterly Meeting

Ans 1st All our Meetings for Worship
and Discipline have been held with
25. Exceptions, Mostly in One Meeting
Generally well attended on First days;
those in the Middle of the week, somewhat
neglected; the hour Nearly Observed

Ans 2d With some Exceptions in two
Meetings love and Unity are Maintained
and detraction guarded against; When
differences arise Endeavors are used
to End them; tho not as Speedily in
some instances as is desirable

Ans 3d Friends are generally careful
to Maintain a religious life and
Conversation, and those having
Children, or others under their care
Endeavor to train them up in accordance
with our Christian profession

Ans 4th We believe most Friends read
the Holy Scriptures as queried;
Also Encourage their Children in this
religious duty, With little Exception
Clear in our testimony to a free
Gospel Ministry

Ans 5th With 3. Exceptions where
labor has been bestowed We believe
our Members are clear of the use of
intoxicating liquors as a beverage
Nearly clear in the observance of
the remainder of this query

Ans 6th Generally careful as the
several parts of this query

Ans 7th With little exception our testimony is maintained against bearing arms, and other Military matters; Clear as to oaths and public revenue

Ans 8th With some exception Friends inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; are punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th Careful as to records, some removals without certificates under care

Ans 10th The discipline is administered in a good degree of tenderness but (not in all cases) as timely as is desirable

Samuel R Buffinton
Clerk

Eighth Month 1895

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a United Meeting at Newport R I 8mo 1st 1895 the accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings composing it, we are informed thereby that the Representatives appointed by them to this one are as follows viz

Rhode Island. Anna L. Manchester Lydia P Goddard Joseph S Anthony and Isaac B Macomber

Greenwich. Catharine Greene. Cynthia J Earle. Joseph B King and Chas W Earle

Swansea Frank E. Jones. Esther Chace Benjamin A Chace. Luella E Jones Obadiah Chace Adeline F Chace Chas A Chace and Henry C Aydelott

Providence Ellen M Atwater Robert P Gifford. Elizabeth A Gifford and John Hanson

South Kingstown Elvira M Perry Eleata J Collins and George S Gould

Whose names being called, responded as present except 9 for the absence of 6 a satisfactory reason was given

The Representatives to the last Yearly Meeting all attended

The Committee appointed last 5th mo. to audit the Treasures accounts and for other purposes presented the following viz

To the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Newport

Dear Friends

We have examined the Treasures accounts and find correct vouchers. and balance in his hands by deposit in Bank Twenty One & 63/100 Dollars

We propose the name of Robert P Gifford for Treas the ensuing year. and that the sum of Five Hundred and fifty $550 Dollars be raised for the Quarterly Meetings use previous to our next Yearly Meeting on or before 5th mo 1st 1896

Augustine Jones }
Chas Sisson } Committee

Which is satisfactory to and accepted by this Meeting. and the recommendations adopted and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward there respective quotas of the sum named by $550 to Robert P Gifford whom we appoint Treasurer for the Ensuing Year on or before 5th mo 1st 1896

The following minute from the Yearly Meeting Clerk, relating to Stock, and other Matters has been received and is as follows viz

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New England held in Portland Maine by adjournments from the 14th of Sixth Month to the 19th inclusive of the same 1895

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

It is concluded to raise for the use of the Yearly Meeting the coming year that sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars, and our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay to our Treasurer Saml R Buffinton Fall River Mass, their respective proportion of that sum, on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

The quota for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is 22% 550.00

The attention of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings is particularly directed to the following Minutes of the Yearly Meeting for 1895 viz

Minute No 19 Relating to the subject of Education
" No 29 Do to Church Extension
" " 39 Do to Finance

Monthly Meetings to arrange for their financial Year to begin in the Autumn
Minute No 58

Quarterly Meetings to appoint Bible School Superintendents as last year
Minute No 59

To appoint Finance Committee as last Year
Minute 64 Relating to letters of recommendation to and from other Churches &c

Minute 65 Relating to Water Baptism &c
" 81 Quarterly Meetings are to send
up one set of answers to the Queries as
last year &c

From the Minutes of the
Meeting aforesaid

Timothy B Hussey Clerk

And the Clerk is requested to furnish
the several Monthly Meetings with
such portion of the above Minute as
refers to them and also furnish the
same with copies of Statistical blanks
furnished by the Yearly Meeting

Swansea
Monthly Meeting informs that Swansea
Preparative Meeting has been changed
from 5th day P.M. to Third (3d) day Evening
at 7 O'clock from 4th mo 1st to 10 mo 1st
and from 10th mo 1st to 4th mo 1st at
7.30 O'clock P.M

Time of
Meeting
[illegible]

The committee
appointed one year ago by this Meeting
to work in conjunction with the Gospel Work
Committee of the Yearly Meeting for
Special Service presented the following
Report which is satisfactory to this
Meeting viz

The committee appointed one
year ago at Newport to work in conjunc
tion with the Gospel Work Committee
of the Yearly Meeting report that they have
given attention to their appointment as
far as way seemed to open and some
assistance has been given within the
limits of smaller Meetings, no extensive
work has come before us during the
past year. By direction of the Comm
ittee

John D Kimber

The Queries have all been read
in this Meeting at this time

This Meeting directs that the Clerk sign on our behalf the endorsement made at this time, Expressing of our unity with our Friend Electa J Holbus Concern, for Gospel Service as set forth in Minute granted her by her Monthly Meeting in 4th month last

This is the conclusion of this Meeting that the Meeting for the transaction of the business of the Quarterly Meeting in 11 Mo next at Fall River shall Commence at 1.45 P.M.

See page 390 for Amendment of this Minute

The case of Adaline A Chace which was referred to this Meeting from our Meeting held at East Greenwich in 5th Mo last, being brought forward, this Meeting now Unites with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Adaline A Chace to the Station of Elder, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the usual information in such appointments

[illegible]

This Meeting having come to the conclusion, that it will be right for it to appoint a committee to which to refer all official and other appointments Coming from our Monthly Meetings to this Which requires the action and sanction of this Meeting, We appoint the following named Friends a Committee to nominate and bring it forward to our next Meeting if Way should open for it to constitute that Committee by Robert P Gifford Augustine Jones, Anna L Mafsheder Charles M Earle Sarah Jane Hanson Catharine Greene and Charles Estes

The business of this Meeting being concluded We Separate purposing to Meet at Fall River in 11 Mo next at the usual time should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

The following report of the Quarterly Meetings Vice President of the Womans Foreign Mission Society which was reported to the Quarterly Meeting in 8mo last as having been placed on file with other papers of the Quarterly Meeting, it was concluded by that Meeting that the said report be spread in full upon our records, and in accordance with said action the same is herewith placed upon the said records and is as follows viz

1.

"The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is of two sorts: First: the word of God: secondly, the children of the kingdom —and both of these sorts of seed must [illegible] [illegible] the whole field;" "All the world", Let [illegible] [illegible] received from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] death, in another meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

2.

Society. Whole number of members enrolled ninety nine. $556.[illegible] have been raised during the past year, the greater part of which came from [illegible] mite openings, membership fees, mite-box openings, collections, Christmas and private sales; two auxiliaries report a very small amount raised by four suppers. $526.28 has been sent to the treasurer of executive Board. $27.78 has been used for current expenses [illegible]. Three auxiliaries report $2.29 in their treasuries. One auxiliary sent $5.00 [illegible] Two auxiliaries report self-denial contributions sent to Jewish mission at Chicago; and one has been doing home mission work. The first [illegible] in each month is a season [illegible] [illegible] with the general call has been observed by two auxiliaries.

3.

Department work is generally carried on by superintendents. Only two auxiliaries report - junior and juvenile work. There are six auxiliaries in the quarterly meeting; with only five honorary members. Five public meetings in the interest of Missions have been held during the past year and no Conferances.

[illegible] the loss of our dear aged sister [illegible] president of East-Greenwich auxiliary for more than ten years: & her [illegible]. "She was present at all of the meetings doing her part with energy and lively interest in all." Our beloved sister has passed over the bounds of time but the sweet fragrance of her pure life in which was blended so beautifully gentleness & Christ-love will long remain with us and be an inspiration to press forward.

Adeline F. Chace
Q Mtg Vice President - 5 Mo 7th 1895

Note

The Minute of 8 mo last in relation to fixing the hour for the business Meeting to Convene in the future, was amended by the Meeting in 11 mo to read "Until further direction by this Meeting" instead of 11 mo next at Fall River, as Minuted upon the records of 8 mo last page 388 -

Samuel R Buffinton
Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a United Meeting at Fall River 11 Mo 7th 1895, by the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the Representatives appointed by them to this, are as follows by

Rhode Island Benjamin Green, Robert C Mitchell, Joseph S Anthony, Frederick Holman, Edward C Falkner, Isaac L Fish, Adeline F Chace, Eunice A Green & Mary W Macomber

Greenwich Gulielma Freeborn, Charles W Earle & Catharine Green

Swansea Frank E Jones, Robert A Lawton, Chas E Dore, Elizabeth S Newton, Adeline F Chace, Louisa Burns & Herbert A Skinner

Providence Sarah J Hanson, Robert P Gifford, Hannah P Ladd, Augustine Jones, Joseph H Atwater and Ellen M Atwater

South Kingstown Electa J Collins and Mary W Gould

Whose names being called all responded, except three. The Queries, as required have all been read at this time in this meeting.

Swansea Monthly Meeting informs that the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of that Meeting, has concluded to hold its meetings, at Fall River, on the afternoon of Fifth day, before the Monthly Meeting preceding each Quarterly Meeting at 2 O'clock in the afternoon, which information is accepted by this meeting

For the Yearly

And they also inform that they are United in proposing the names of Benjamin H. and Rachel S. Chace to the Station of Elder, which is fully United with by this Meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to said Station, and the clerk is directed to give the usual information in such appointments.

For the Yearly

And they further inform that they are United in asking for permission to change the time of holding the Monthly Meeting from 1.30 to 2 O'clock in the afternoon, with which proposition this Meeting unites, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Mo Meeting, of the action of this Meeting in the above change, and also that of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

Received from Providence Monthly Meeting, a Minute of Unity on behalf of our dear Friend Charles C. Varney, in his proposed visit of Gospel love to Baltimore Yearly Meeting and such other service as way may open for, within the limits of that and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, with which this Meeting unites and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement made at this time upon said Minute which Minute also includes the prospect of his wife Anna C Varney, who proposes to accompany him

Endorsement

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 7th 1895

This Meeting having duly considered the within certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting, on behalf of our dear friends Chas C Varney and his wife Anna C Varney, expressed its full unity therewith, and directed its clerk to sign the same on our behalf

Signed by direction of the Meeting aforesaid held as a United Meeting 11 mo 7th 1895

Saml R Buffington Clerk

Our beloved friend Charles H Jones attended this Meeting with a Minute of Unity with him as a Minister of the gospel and his prospect as set forth therein, from Amesbury Mo Meeting held 10 mo 3d 1895

His Company and gospel service has been acceptable and Encouraging to this Meeting

Our beloved friend John Henry Douglass, a Minister of the Gospel attended this Meeting, with a Minute of Unity with him, and with his prospect as expressed in said Minute granted him by Salem Quarterly Meeting Oregon held 15th mo 1895

His Company and the gospel service of our dear brother has acceptable, and Encouraging to us

And the Clerks is directed to furnish both of our dear friends with copies of Minutes made on their behalf

The Committee appointed in 8 mo last as a Nominating Committee to present at this time (if way should open for it) names of a Committee to whom Official appointments coming from Monthly Meetings requiring the Sanction and Unity of this Meeting should be referred.

A verbal report was made at this time by a member of that committee that they had given their appointment some attention but way did not open for them to report in full at this time they are therefore continued under appointment to present the names of such a Committee (if way should open for it) at our next Meeting

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs that that Meeting has declined the payment of their quota of this Meetings Stock called for in 8 mo last

Our Clerk informs that this Meeting has received its quota of the reprints of the London General Epistle and that the same has been apportioned and sent down to our several Monthly Meetings

The business of this Meeting being concluded we separate, purposing to meet at the usual time at Providence in 2 Mo next should the Lord permit

Samuel R Buffinton
Clerk

Second Month 1896

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a United Meeting at Providence 2 Mo 6 1896. By the accounts received from all the Monthly Meetings except South Kingstown (from which information was received from the Clerk that no Meeting was held) they inform that they appointed the following named Representatives to attend this Meeting viz

From Rhode Island Anna L Manchester Benjamin Greene John F Chase Edwin J Ford Eunice A Greene Elwood G Macomber Anthony Kimber Robert C Wetherell & Isaac Fish

From Greenwich Harriet A Shove Anna Merrill Chas W Earle Gulielma Freeborn Joseph Anthony & Catharine Greene.

From Swansea Chas A Chace William W Chace Chas Estes Chas E Dove Luella E Jones Jane E Dove

From Providence

Louisa N Meader M Augusta Battey Robert B Hanson Ellen K Buffum Augustine Jones Robert P Gifford and Archibald G. Renfrew

South Kingstown

None. Whose names being called all responded thereto except 2 for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was given

Charles W Earle on behalf of the Representatives to this Meeting informs that they have conferred together upon the subject of Clerks for this Meeting, and that the name of Samuel R Buffinton was proposed as Clerk and Susan Peckham to serve as Assistant Clerk, for the ensuing year. Which names being separately considered was united with by the Meeting and they are accordingly appointed to those Stations respectively

The Committee of this Meeting appointed in 8 mo last and continued in 11 mo of last year to Nominate a Standing Committee of Conference if way opened open for it, relating to members proposed by the Monthly Meetings to become members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Made the following Report viz

Providence 2 mo 5th 1896

To the Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed in 8 month last to consider the nomination of a Standing Committee of Conference relating to members proposed by the Monthly Meetings for the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight find that the way is not clear for the appointment of such a committee by the Quarterly Meeting and this committee desires to be released By direction of the Committee

Robert P Gifford

Which report is accepted and the Committee released from further service thereon.

No account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting being received at this time, a proposition was made, that a small Committee be appointed to correspond with our dear friends of Hopkinton Mo Meeting, which being united with our friend Robert P Gifford is appointed as that committee to extend to them the sympathy felt for them by this Meeting in their present condition, and our earnest desire is that they may be encouraged to abide in faithfulness.

The Queries called for at this time have all been read.

Our Treasurer informs that South Kingstown Mo Meeting has paid its quota of this Meetings Stock.

Our Esteemed friend Samuel Peck attended this Meeting and presented a Minute from Lewes & Chichester Monthly Meeting of Friends England, And the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the Minute made on his Account and sign the same on our behalf - viz His company and Gospel services among us have been helpful and satisfactory to this Meeting.

It is the conclusion of this Meeting to appoint a Nominating Committee at this time to bring forward names at our next Meeting for Superintendent of Bible Schools and two (2) Members of the Yearly Meetings Finance Committee, and in accordance therewith the following named friends are appointed as that committee viz Robert C Wetherell, Catharine Green, Phebe S Aydelott, Robert P Gifford and John Babcock

The business of this Meeting being Concluded, in which we feel that we have been blessed together, and that the Overshadowing presence of the Lord has been felt among us, we Seperate purposing to meet at East Greenwich in 5th Mo next. Should the Lord permit

Ann R Buffinton
Clerk

Fifth Month 1896

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a United Meeting at East Greenwich 5 Mo 7th 1896 The Accounts from the several Monthly Meeting being received we are informed thereby that the following Representatives were appointed by them to attend this Meeting

Viz From Rhode Island = Joseph S Anthony Eunice A Greene Delia Rees Isaac L Fish Elwood G Macomber Anna J Macomber Benjamin W Carr and Frederick Holman

Greenwich = Charles H Earle Mary C Arnold Gulielma Freeborn Lydia A Drinkwater Harriet A Shove Sarah E Annah Tucker

Swansea = Henry C Aydelott Eliza Ann Sisson Walter F Chase Phebe S Aydelott Charles Estes Adaline F Chace & Chas A Chace

Providence = Elizabeth A Gifford M Augusta Battey Louisa A Meader Robert P Gifford John K Meader and Robert B Hanson

South Kingstown
Electa Jane Collins and John Babcock whose names being called were all present Except One

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting with answers thereto from each of the Monthly Meetings from Which a Summary has been adopted and directed to be forwarded to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Newport in 6 mo next with other Extracts from our Minutes for its information by the following named Representatives whom we appoint to attend the same by

Charles W Earle Charles A Chase Augustine Jones Ellen K Buffum Charles Estes M Augusta Battey Anna G Manchester Obadiah Chase Louisa N Meader Walter F Chase Catharine Greene Robert S Gifford Benjamin Greene Joseph S Anthony Robert B Manson Phebe R Gifford Esther Chase Electa Jane Collins Frank E Jones Saml K Buffinton Mary C Arnold Edwin J Lord and Joseph H Atwater 23

Our Treasurer informs that all our Monthly Meetings have paid their quota of this Meetings Stock called for in 8 mo last except Rhode Island and when that shall be paid, he is directed to pay this Meetings quota to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting

We appoint Augustine Jones and Charles A Chase a committee to audit the Treasurers accounts, name a sum to be raised for the use of this Meeting the Ensuing Year and a person to serve as Treasurer thereof

The Committee appointed in 2 mo last to nominate, a Bible School Superintendent, and two Members of the Yearly Meetings Finance Committee presented the following viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Your committee appointed on account of the nomination of Supt of Bible Schools and two members of the Finance committee would report as follows

For Superintendent of Bible Schools for this Quarterly Meeting

Eunice A Greene

For members of the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting

Samuel R Buffinton

Hannah S Ladd

We also recommend that this Quarterly Meeting ask the next Yearly Meeting that hereafter the Treasurer of that Meeting be constituted a member Ex. Officio of the Finance Committee

On behalf of the Committee

John Babcock

Phebe S Aydelott

East Greenwich 5th mo 7th 1896

Which report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the nominations made with the recommendation by the same is united with and the persons nominated are appointed for the service named, and the recommendations directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting

Providence Monthly Meeting informs that they have decided to change the time of its assembling from 12 Oclock A.M on the 4th day preceding the last 5th day in each Month in Providence to 3.30 Oclock P.M. on the last 7th day of each Month at the same place; the Preparative Meeting to occur in the week previous to the Monthly Meeting. Said change to be for One (1) year beginning with the 5th Month 1896 and subject to the approval of the Quarterly Meeting.

Which change is approved of by this Meeting

Robert P. Gifford informs that he had attended to his appointment, in connection with the action of this Meeting in 2nd mo last, on account of Hopkinton Monthly Meeting, and that his communication thereto, was very acceptable, and gratefully received by the Members of that Meeting. ✓

[illegible]

Swansea Monthly Meeting informs that the Mid-Week Meeting for Worship at Fall River, has been changed from 4th day afternoon at 3. O'clock P.M, to 5th day Evening at 7.30. O'clock

Our Bible School Supt presented the following report viz

Bible School Statis

Quarterly Meeting	Location of School	Local Superintendent's name and Addres	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of School.	Average Attendance.
Rhode Island	Portsmouth	John C. [illegible], Portsmouth, R.I.	Rhode Island.	49	29
	Newport	Josiah Albro, 48 Elm St.	" "	67	35
	Saylesville	Jos. H. Atwater, Prov. R.I	Providence	84	52
	Providence	Robt. P. Gifford, Prov. R.I.	" "	21	9
	Somerset	[illegible] Earle, Dighton	Swansea	103	58
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner	" "	105	59
	East Greenwich	L. E. Drinkwater. E. Greenwich.	E. Greenwich	20	12

Respectfully submitted,
An. Augusta Battey,
Quarterly Meeting Supt.

Which is satisfactory and we appoint our friend Eunice A Greene for that service the ensuing year

cal Report.

No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	Is religious interest increasing?	Are Teachers' Meetings held?	Volumes in Library	Books added during year.	Lesson helps used	Kinds of Papers Used.	No. of Papers Distributed.	Temperance Lessons	Peace Lessons	Is Children's Day Observed?	Months of School
3	6	–	No	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12
7	5	–	No	212	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	12
10	5	–	No	168	18	–	–	–	–	–	–	12
1	2	–	No	110	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9
4	9	–	No	298	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12
1	11	–	2 a year	306	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	12
	2	–	–	–	–	B.	2	–	–	–	–	12

The report of the Quarterly Meeting Vice President of the Womens Foreign Missionary Society. has been received and read at this time, which is satisfactory, and interesting and is as follows viz

"He that winneth Souls is wise, but the wisdom is not learned in human Schools" How very true this is in all the paths of life, and perhaps Especially so in Mission work.

As we face another year we will reach forth our hands, asking for stronger faith for the future, more wisdom, and more of Christ love for humanity, and more courage with added zeal and Energy.

I regret that I have been unable to get full reports from all of our Auxiliaries, but I am Encouraged by the fact that the interest in the work is good, that out of One hundred and Sixty Seven Women (over Eighteen years of age) reported Eighty four are Contributing members of our Societies, of these five are life-members, and we have also four honorary members. Seven public meetings in the interest of missions have been held during the past year

The amount of Money raised during the year is five hundred and Seven dollars and twenty three cents $507.23, besides valuable boxes of clothing which have been sent to the Mission fields The number of Missionary Meetings held in our quarter is, very small and I do feel that more effort might profitably be put forth in this direction, and when meetings can be arranged for children to have a part in recitations and hymns, great good can be accomplished and the Missionary seeds sown that find lodgment in tender hearts, that could not be reached by us who are older — "I thank thee O Father, Lord of heaven and Earth that thou didst hide these things from the wise and prudent and didst reveal them unto babes"

Doctor Kresima says "Advance on your knees" As we are thus faithful in prayer our Motto will be "The world for Christ and Christ for the world"

Adaline F. Chace
Q. M. Vice President

The following Statistical information has been received from our Several Monthly Meetings and is as follows viz from Third Mo 1st 1895 to Third Mo 1st 1896

Names of Monthly Meetings	Number of Members reported last year.	Error in last year's Report. ___ Gain.	Error in last year's Report. ___ Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present Number of Members.
Rhode Island	213	0	0	4	6	1	1	8	4	2	0	215
Greenwich	40	0	0	0	4	0	1	2	0	0	3	37
Swansea	330	2	0	0	5	0	0	20	5	12	0	342
Providence	217	0	0	3	5	1	0	11	0	10	0	227
So Kingstown	82	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	4	79
Totals	882	2	0	8	23	2	2	41	10	25	7	900

Which information as by the foregoing Statements, is directed to be forwarded to the Ensuing Yearly Meeting, and is as follows viz

Whole Number of Members 3/1/95 — 882
Do Do Do Do 3/1/96 — 900
Showing the increase in Membership during the year ——— of — 18
Whole Number of Ministers in Q. Mtg — 19
Do Do Do Elders " " — 27
Do Associated Members " " — 13

NAMES OF MINISTERS. (DECEASED.)	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE IN YEARS. Or in what year of his age.	MONTHLY MEETINGS TO WHICH THEY BELONGED.
Thomas B Buffum	5 Mo 7 1895	82d	Rhode Island
Lydia A Macomber	3 " 1st 1895	92d	Greenwich
Cynthia J Earle	8 " 3d 1895	65th	Do
NAMES OF ELDERS. (Deceased.)			
Mary E R Kenyon	3 mo 5th 1895	57th	Providence
Chas D Kenyon	4 " 8 1895	71st	Do
Anna T Dennis	10 " 10th 1895	83d	Do

NOTE.—This *Blank* applies to Preparative, Monthly, and Quarterly Meetings.

(The Report from the Quarterly Meeting, properly filled out, should be sent to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, on or before the 1st day of the Sixth Month.)

Number of Ministers.	Number of Elders.	Number of Associate Members	Number of Children between 4 and 12.	Number of Children between 12 and 21.	Number Attending School.	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	Number between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	Number attending College.	Number attending Colleges controlled by Friends.
4	1	3	17	18	26	1	1	0	0
1	6	2	3	2	5	0	0	0	0
5	8	0	80	43	55	3	3	1	1
6	7	8	10	25	26	6	6	4	2
3	5	0	5	5	5	0	0	2	0
19	27	13	115	93	117	10	10	7	3

Whole number of Ministers deceased from 3 Mo 1st 1895 to 3 Mo 1st 1896 — 3

Ditto ditto of Elders — 3

Our business being satisfactorily concluded we separate purposing to meet at Newport in 8 Mo next should the Lord permit

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to be held at Newport in the State of Rhode Island in 6mo next

Dear Friends

The queries have all been read in this Meeting at this time, with Answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings constituting it from which the accompanying Summary has been adopted therefrom for your information, which together with other Extracts from our Minutes are directed to be forwarded to your Meeting and the following Friends are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives viz

Charles W. Earle. Charles A Chace Augustine Jones Ellen R Buffum Charles Estes M. Augusta Battey Anna L Manchester. Obadiah Chace Louisa A Meader Walter F Chace Catharine Greene Robert P Gifford Benjm Greene Joseph P Anthony Robert B Hanson Phebe R Gifford Esther Chace Electa Jane Collins Frank E Jones Saml R Buffington Mary C Arnold Edwin P Gould and Joseph H Atwater

This Meeting has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Adaline F Chace Benjamin A and Rachel P Chace to the Station of Elder, and the same Meeting furnishes the following information viz

That the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has been changed from 4th day afternoon to 5th day afternoon before the Monthly Meeting preceding each Quarterly Meeting at 2 oclock, and held continuously at Fall River

And that the time of holding Swansea Preparative Meeting has been changed from 5th day afternoon to Third (3) day Evening from 4th Mo 1st to 10th Mo 1st at 7. Oclock and from 10th Mo 1st to 4th Mo 1st at 7.30 Oclock in week preceding Monthly Meeting, and that the hour of holding the Mid-week Meeting for Worship at Fall River, has been changed from 4th day afternoon at 3. Oclock to 5th day Evening at 7.30 oclock.

This Meeting was united in the appointment of Samuel R Buffinton and Hannah P Ladd as members of the Yearly Meetings Finance Committee, and Eunice A Greene as Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools for the ensuing year.

They have also united with Providence Monthly Meeting in their proposed change in the time of holding their Monthly Meeting from 11. Oclock A.M. on the 4th day preceding the last 5th day in Each Month at Providence to 3.30 oclock in the afternoon on the last 7th day of Each Month at the same place the Preparative Meeting to occur in the week preceding the Monthly Meeting, said change to be for one year beginning with 5th Mo 1896.

We are also united in asking the Yearly Meeting that hereafter the Treasurer of that Meeting be constituted a Member Ex-Officio of the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting

The several Matters of Statistical information required to be furnished, by Your Meeting from Subordinate Meetings. is herewith forwarded for Your information upon blanks furnished by Your Meeting for that purpose

over

The several Minutes of the Yearly Meeting to which the attention of the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings were called has received the required attention of this Meeting

Our quota of the several Official documents from the last Yearly Meeting, to this and the different Monthly Meetings were received, apportioned and forwarded to the same respectively

Our Treasurer informs that all our Monthly Meetings (Except One) have paid their quota of Stock called for last year.

Taken from the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, by direction and on behalf of the same held as a United Meeting at East Greenwich 5th mo 7 1896

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Summary of the Answers to the Queries from the aforesaid Quarterly Meeting

Ans 1st With the exception of twelve Mid-week Meetings and One Monthly Meeting, our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been regularly held. The attendance on First days has fairly represented the Membership, Other Meetings more neglected, The hour generally well observed

Ans 2d With some exception reported in two Meetings love and unity appear to be maintained, and detraction guarded against, Endeavors have been used to end difficulties

Ans 3rd
With some exceptions Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train up their children and others under their care in accordance with our Christian profession

Ans 4th
We believe most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures as queried, and encourage their children in the daily practice of this religious duty and with little exception maintain our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry

Ans 5th
With three exceptions, clear as to the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage
With a few exceptions careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe moderation in all things

Ans 6th The several requirements of this query have been complied with

Ans 7th Not quite clear as to Military Matters
Clear regarding Oaths and defrauding public revenue

Ans 8th With little exception we believe Friends inspect their affairs and settle their accounts and observe the other requirements of this query

Ans 9th Records are attended to some removals without certificate under notice

Ans 10th When necessary the discipline is administered in Christian tenderness but not as timely as would be desirable

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Eighth Month 1896

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a United Meeting at Newport 8 Mo 6th 1896. The Accounts from the several Monthly Meetings inform that the Representatives therefrom are as follows Viz

Rhode Island Mary E Kimber Joseph S Anthony. John S Kimber & Mary W Macomber

Greenwich

Charles W Earle Annie Merrill Catharine Greene Alice C Earle & Joseph Anthony

Swansea

Charles A Chace Esther Chace. Frank E Jones Luella Jones Lemuel Chace Mary L Chace Wm J Sayers & Mary S Buffinton

Providence

M Augusta Batty Joseph H Atwater Hannah P Ladd Thomas J Batty & Robert J Hanson

South Kingstown

Electa Jane Collins and Hanetta D Collins

Whose names being called were all present except 4 for the absence of 4 an excuse was rendered

The representatives from this to the last Yearly Meeting we are informed all attended.

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting at this time

Up Meeting

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in their accounts inform that they are United in changing the hour of the First-day Meeting at Portsmouth from 10.30 A.M to 10 O'clock A.M

The committee appointed in 5 Mo last to audit the Treasurers Accounts and for other purposes presented the following report viz

Providence 8 Mo 4th 1896

To the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Newport.

The Treasurers account and vouchers have been examined and found to be correct, with a balance in his hands of $21.90

We propose that the sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars be raised for the ensuing year and that Robert P Gifford be appointed Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting

Augustine Jones } Committee
Charles A Chace } appointed
in 5 Mo last

Which is acceptable to the Meeting, and the recommendation named therein for the Treasurer of this Meeting in the person of Robert P Gifford, is approved of and adopted by this Meeting, and he is accordingly ~~appointed~~ to that service for the ensuing year, and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him (on or before the 1st of 5 Mo next their respective quotas of Seven hundred (700) dollars which sum this Meeting concludes to raise for its use the ensuing year, instead of the sum named by the auditors in their above report viz $550—

This Meeting unites in the proposition to place in the hands of the Treasurer of the Committee under appointment by the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to look after the small Meetings, and Meeting houses where no Meetings are held within our limits the sum of $21.90 the balance found in the hands of our Treasurer, as by the above report of the auditing committee to be used by them in the prosecution of their works as above named

Yearly Meeting

Providence Monthly Meeting by their Accounts inform that they are United in the appointment of Valentine Meader to the Station of Elder, Subject to this Meetings approval, with which appointment this meeting unites and she is accordingly appointed to that Station and the Clerk is directed to furnish the required information in such appointments

The reading of the London General Epistle for 1896 presented at this time, is deferred to a future Meeting

The following Minute from the Clerk of the late Yearly Meeting has been received and read at this time and is as follows Viz

*To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport, R. I. by adjournments from the 12th of 6th Month to the 17th of the same inclusive 1896, it was concluded to raise for the use of the meeting the coming year the sum of

Three thousand dollars.

Our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of said sum to Samuel R. Buffinton our Treasurer on or before the first of Fifth Month next. The quota of your meeting at 22% is $660.00

Attention of Quarterly Meetings is specially directed to ~~[illegible]~~ the printed minutes of 1896. as follows viz *

From the minutes,

John Ellwood Paige Clerk.

Note. Quarterly Meetings will be expected to choose as heretofore two of their number to serve on the Yearly Meetings Finance Committee; also to report the name of their Superintendent of Bible Schools. One account and one set of answers from each Quarterly Meeting is sufficient.

*27 - Report of Finance Com. - "Plan for Christian giving."

35 Elders received by certificate from other Yearly meetings

57 Revision of Discipline

and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Several Monthly Meetings with such portion of the foregoing Minute as relates to them and also furnish the same with the Statistical Blanks furnished by the said Meeting

Our friend Martha B Osborne a Minister of the gospel from Winthrop Mo Meeting acceptably attended this Meeting, with a Minute of Unity from the above named Mo Meeting. and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of a Minute made on her behalf—

Our friend Emma J Gatchell a Minister of the gospel acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a Minute of Unity with her as such from Durham Monthly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of the above Minute

We appoint our friends Robert P Gifford John S Kimber Ellen K Buffum Hannah P Ladd Frank E Jones Luella Jones Charles W Earle and Electa Jane Collins a Nominating Committee to present the names of two friends to act with a Committee of the Yearly Meeting (should one be appointed) upon the revision of our Discipline, as per Minute No 37 of our late Yearly Meeting and report to our next Meeting.

The quota of this Meetings Yearly Meeting Minutes, the London General Epistle Letters to the children Ditto to the Young People and the Sick and afflicted. have all been received and apportioned among the Several Mo Meetings, and together with the Statistical Blanks, have been sent down to the several Mo Meetings

Our business being concluded in much harmony, we separate purposing to meet at Fall River in 11 mo next should the Lord permit

David K Buffinton
Clerk

Eleventh Month 1896

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held as a United Meeting at Fall River 11 mo 5th 1896, the accounts being received from all the Monthly Meetings we are informed that the Representatives appointed by them to attend this Meeting are as follows by

From Rhode Island

Eunice A Greene Mary C Kimber Anna B Macomber Anna L Manchester Edward C Faulkner Fred Holman Joseph S Anthony and John Shober Kimber

From Greenwich

Charles W. Earle Julianna Freeborn C Arnah Tucker, Catharine Greene and Harriet A Shove

From Swansea

Adaline F Chace Charles Leslie Phebe S Aydelott Henry C Aydelott Sarah C Kinney and Marianna Gifford

From Providence

M. Augusta Battey Robert P Gifford Louisa A Meader Joseph H Atwater Eliza M Atwater Frances Austin Elizabeth A Gifford and Archibald Renfrew

From South Kingstown John Babcock, whose names being called all responded except Seven for the absence of one of whom excuse was given

The Clerk being absent on account of illness, Robert P Gifford, was appointed Clerk for the day

Our dear friend Mary Jane Weaver acceptably attended this Meeting with a minute of Unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel of Christ from Elba Monthly Meeting of Friends New York And the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign the same on our behalf

Our dear friend Emeline H. Tuttle a Minister of the Gospel acceptably attended this Meeting with a minute of Unity from Dover Mo. Meeting New Hampshire—

Other friends and those in the Ministry from other parts of our Yearly Meeting were welcomed by us at this time

Received from Providence Mo Meeting a Minute of Unity with our dear friend Chas C Varney in his proposed visit of Gospel love within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting the same including the prospect of his Wife Anna C Varney to accompany him This Meeting directs the Clerk to endorse his Minute expressing our unity with both friends in their prospect as mentioned and with the action of Providence Mo Meeting

The Queries have all been read and considered together with portions of the London General Epistle of 1896

The committee appointed in 8 mo last to present the names of two Friends to act with a Committee of the Yearly Meeting (should one be appointed) on the revision of the Discipline not being ready to report are continued and requested to report to our next Meeting

Greenwich Monthly Meeting in its report inform that they are united in acknowledging the gift in the Ministry of Elizabeth Hannah Archer and the approval of her public expression of the same—

This Meeting unites with that Monthly Meeting in their being recorded a Minister of the Gospel.

Swansea Monthly Meeting by their account inform that they are United in the appointment of Sarah J Macomber to the Station of Elder, With which this Meeting Unites.

The Clerk is directed to furnish the information required by discipline relating to the above cases.

The business of this Meeting being concluded in harmony and with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, we propose to meet in Providence at the usual time in 2nd mo next.

Robert Gifford
Clerk for the day —

Second Month, 1897.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a united meeting at Providence 2nd mo 4th 1897.

By the accounts received from all the Monthly Meetings except South Kingstown from the clerk of which information is received that no Monthly Meeting was held they inform that they appointed the following members as Representatives to this meeting.

From Rhode Island.

Alfred Cornell, Anthony M. Kimber, Josephine W. Kimber, Exie Estes, Isaac L. Mosher, [illegible] Fish, Edward A. [illegible], and Eunice A. Greene.

Greenwich.

Charles W. Earle, Joseph Anthony, Catharine Greene, Gulielma Freeborn, E. Annah Tucker and Annie Merrill.

Swansea.

Obadiah Chace, Henry C. Aydelott, Ralph Earle, Mary A. Gage and Esther Chace.

Providence
Hannah J. [illegible] Ellen M. [illegible]
Joseph C. [illegible] [illegible] Jones Walter J.
Slade Robert P. Gifford [illegible]
and Thomas J. Battey.

These names being called all responded
[illegible] except [illegible] for two of whom sufficient
reason of absence was assigned.

Charles H. Earle on behalf of the
representatives to this meeting informs that
they were considered together upon the subject
of clerks for this meeting and that the
names of Thomas J. Battey as clerk
and [illegible] to serve
as assistant clerk for the ensuing year.
Which names being separately considered
were united with by the meeting and they
are accordingly appointed to these stations
respectively.

The meeting records, at this time
its appreciation of the faithful services of
our dear friend Samuel R. Buffinton during
the past twenty years of his clerkship of this
meeting, and the clerk is requested
to inform him of our sincere brotherly sympathy
and love.

The Queries have all been read and
considered in this meeting.

In gathering in [illegible] Quarterly Meeting
at this time, [illegible]
[illegible] among [illegible]
have passed away from earth — Charles C.
[illegible]
[illegible]; and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Our dear friend [illegible]
attended this meeting [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
his company [illegible] religious services [illegible]
been [illegible] to this meeting and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] copy of [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] friends [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
that they have acknowledged the gift
and [illegible] the public ministry of
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in the appointment
of Parthenia Underwood to the station of
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
following friends as associate members
of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
viz. Samuel Austin, S. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Elizabeth C. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Elizabeth [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

7 omission see margin
The clerk [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
required by Discipline relating to the above [illegible]

The Committee, appointed [illegible] [illegible]
on the subject of the revision of the Discipline
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], which
[illegible] [illegible] and the same committee [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of a
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and of [illegible] friends to
[illegible] on the [illegible] Committee of the Yearly
Meeting. We appoint John [illegible] to [illegible]
on the aforesaid committee in place of our
[illegible] friend [illegible] J. [illegible], deceased.

This meeting authorizes its Committee
[illegible] [illegible] under appointment of [illegible]
[illegible] on Ministry and Oversight, through
[illegible] W. [illegible], its treasurer, to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] sum not exceeding fifty ($50)
Dollars to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

We also approve of the action of R. I. Mo. Meeting in the
appointment of Isaac [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Robert [illegible], Joseph [illegible] Anthony and [illegible] Anthony
[illegible] as associate members.

The business of this meeting being concluded in harmony, we adjourn [illegible] [illegible] if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1877.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a united meeting 5 mo. 6. 1877. in East Greenwich, R.I.

By the account from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives to this [illegible]

Rhode Island
[illegible] Joseph E. Macomber, Fred W. [illegible] and Eva Estes;

[illegible]
Mary C. [illegible] & [illegible] Chas. W. Earle & Harriet A. Shove;

Greenwich
Obadiah Chace, Eliza A. Gisson, Henry C. Aydelott, [illegible] E. [illegible] [illegible], Phebe T. Aydelott, and Frank H. Brightman.

Providence
Hannah P. Ladd, Elizabeth C. Capron, [illegible] J. Hanson, Thomas J. Battey, [illegible] P. Gifford, Louisa N. Meader and [illegible] B. Hanson.

South Kingston
John Babcock and William H. Babcock.
[illegible] present except one.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with answers thereto [illegible]

5th mo 77
Continued

attend the session as our representatives; Chas. H. Earle, Robert P. Gifford, Jennie [illegible] Estes, Joseph H. Atwater, Isaac B. Macomber, Augustine Jones, Esther Chace, S. Narcissa [illegible], Phebe S. Aydelott, Susan [illegible], Catharine Greene, Phebe R. Gifford, [illegible] Buffinton, [illegible] E. Jones, [illegible], Louisa E. Jones, Anna [illegible], Sarah J. [illegible], [illegible] Estes, [illegible] H. Chace, [illegible] R. Buffinton, Obadiah Chace & [illegible] H. Beebe.

We appoint Robert B. [illegible] and [illegible], a committee to audit and settle the treasurer's account, name a sum to be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, and [illegible] some one for treasurer.

The committee to nominate friends to act with the proposed committee of the Yearly Meeting in revising the Discipline; superintendent of Bible Schools, and two friends to serve on the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting, reported as follows.-
For revision committee Chas. H. Earle and [illegible] S. Chace; for Quarterly Meeting superintendent of Bible schools, [illegible] Chace; for our representation on the finance committee, Charles H. Earle and Phebe S. Aydelott, which is satisfactory to the meeting, and the friends named are hereby appointed to these respective positions as above proposed.

[illegible] Monthly Meeting informs that it has decided to continue the holding of its Fourth-day Meeting for another year at the same time and place as reported one year ago; with which proposition this meeting unites.

No report on Bible Schools having been presented at this time the clerk is instructed to

[illegible] report [illegible]
forwarded to the Yearly Meeting when report
is may be obtained. (see margin)

The report of the Quarterly [illegible]
Vice President of the Womens Foreign Mission-
ary Society [illegible] has been received [illegible]
at this time. It is [illegible]
encouraging to [illegible]

To [illegible] Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends,

Go ye into all the world
and preach the gospel to every creature
Mark XVI:15

Many times have these words sounded in our ears; many times have we pondered their meaning and on bended knees have we lifted up our hearts to God [illegible] that we individually might lovingly and faithfully do our part in carrying out this great command.

[illegible] from five to six and the honoraries from four to eight. Last year the amount of money [illegible] was [illegible], this year [illegible], besides contributions [illegible] sent to the [illegible] Mission [illegible] and to [illegible]. Last year [illegible] public meetings were reported, this year the number is fifteen, [illegible] have held [illegible] meetings throughout the year, which have been [illegible] as provided for in the constitution.

Our [illegible] at [illegible] and among the [illegible] have [illegible] our first attention; our [illegible] has also helped [illegible].
[illegible] work [illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible] Continued

has been brought to the notice of our [illegible] [illegible] so that our interest in the [illegible] [illegible] has been increased.

Before closing this report we would give a loving thought to our dear aged sister who has been called home [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] Quarterly Meeting of which [illegible] a member, miss her, but the fragrance of her love scattered over a large field will long remain.

We are glad to know that others have heeded the call to work in this part of the Lords Vineyard.

"Go labor on, spend and be spent,
Thy joy to do the Father's will;
It is the way the Master went,
Should not the servant tread it still;

Toil on, and in thy toil rejoice,
For toil comes rest for exile home;
Soon shalt thou hear the Bridegroom's voice,
The midnight peal Behold I come!"

Adaline J. Shove
Q. M. Vice President.

East Greenwich R.I.
5th mo 6th 1897.

The following statistical information for the year ending 3 mo 1st 1897, has been received from our Monthly Meetings and is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Mtg.

(See page 421 opposite ☞)

which may be summarized as follows.

Whole No. of Members 3 mo 1st 1896	898
do do do 3 " " 1897	903
Showing an increase of membership during the year of	5
Whole No. Ministers in the Quarterly Mtg	21
" " Elders " "	27
" " Associate Members	16
" " ministers deceased during year	2
" " Elders " "	3

ATISTICAL REPORTS of the monthly meetings composing Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

From Third Month 1st, 1896, to Third Month 1st, 1897.

Names of the Monthly Meetings	STATISTICS OF MINISTERS, ELDERS AND ASSOCIATES. Number of Ministers.	Number of Elders.	Number of Associate Members	STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP. Number of Members reported last year.	Error in last year's Report. —Gain.	Error in last year's Report. —Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present Number of Members.	STATISTICS OF CHILDREN. Number of Children between 4 and 12.	Number of Children between 12 and 21.	Number Attending School.	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	Number between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	Number attending College.	Number attending Colleges controlled by Friends.
Rhode Island	7	1	5	215	0	0	1	3	4	4	6	2	2	0	217	18	12	28	7	7	2	2
Greenwich	2	4	0	37	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	37	2	3	5	0	0	0	0
Swansea	5	9	0	340	3	0	4	8	5	1	4	1	6	0	346	41	21	53	3	1	1	1
Providence	5	8	5	227	0	1	3	5	7	0	2	1	5	0	232	15	22	25	9	7	2	1
S. Kingston	2	5	0	79	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	8	71	5	5	7	0	0	2	0
Totals	21	27	10	898	3	1	9	23 (left this)	16	5	13	7	13	8	903	81	70	118	19	15	7	4

NAMES OF ELDERS. (Deceased.)			
Mary Clapp	12 mo 18, 1896	77 ys 4 mo 20 days	Greenwich
Benjamin A Chace	10 mo 9th 1896	76	Swansea
Joseph Anthony	2nd mo 20th 1897	79	Greenwich

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs that it is united in the appointment of Joanna Peck to the station of elder, with which this meeting unites and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information in the case

Our treasurer informs that all our monthly meetings have paid their quotas of this meeting's stock called for in the 8th mo last, and that he has paid this meeting's quota to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting

3 mo 1897
Concluded

Having at this time transacted the business coming before us in [illegible] [illegible], we adjourn, purposing to meet at [illegible] on the 5th day next [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible].

Thomas J. [illegible]
Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to be held at Portland, Maine in the 6th mo 1897.

Dear Friends,

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings from which the accompanying summary has been adopted for your consideration, which together with other [illegible] from [illegible] are directed to be forwarded to your meeting, and the following Friends are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives, viz: Charles W. Earle, Robert S. Gifford, [illegible] M. Estes, Joseph H. [illegible], [illegible] J. [illegible], Augustine [illegible], Esther Chace, J. [illegible] [illegible], Phebe S. [illegible], Susan [illegible], Catharine Greene, Phebe A. Gifford, Moses L. Buffinton, Frank E. Jones, Gulielma [illegible], Leslie E. Jones, E. Anna [illegible], Sarah E. [illegible], Eva Estes, [illegible] A. Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton, [illegible] Chace and William H. [illegible].

This meeting has united with a proposal from Providence Monthly Meeting to [illegible] another [illegible] the [illegible] of its Monthly Meeting at 3.30 P.M. on the last [illegible] of each month in Providence, as [illegible] [illegible].

This meeting was united in the appointment of Charles W. Earle and Phebe S. [illegible] as members of the Yearly Meeting's [illegible] Committee, and [illegible] [illegible] Chace as [illegible] Meeting Superintendent of Bible

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

Location of School	Local Superintendent's Name	and Address	Membership	Average attendance	No. of Friends	No. of Classes	Is religious interest increasing	Are teachers meetings held	Volumes in Library	Books added	Lesson Helps used	Kind of papers used	Temperance Lesson	Is childrens day observed	Amount of Collection	Months of School	Peace Lessons
Portsmouth	John B. Cornell 9 mos. Fred. Holman 3 mos.	Portsmouth " R.I.	39	19½	30	5		None		Several	B.	2	3	No.		Unreported	
Newport	Josiah [illegible] 9 mos. [illegible] Cornell 3 mos.	Newport R.I. " [illegible] St.	76	35	22	10		None	214	2		2	Not reported to me		$38.68	12	
Saylesville	Joseph H. Atwater	Providence, R.I.	86	42	32	4		None	170	2		1			$14.22	9	
Providence	Robert P. Gifford	Providence R.I.				2										9	
Somerset	Ralph Earle	Dighton, Mass.	110	5 3/16 (6th mo. [illegible] 113)		9		None	282	24					$44.84		
Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner	Fall River, Mass. 481 Durfee St.	123	51 8/113	57	10									$110.20	12	
E. Greenwich	Lydia E. Drinkwater	E. Greenwich R.I.	17	12	17	2		None	132		A.	1			$6.00	6	
	Total Membership		451														

[illegible] (See margin) —
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] form [illegible] to
[illegible] forwarded upon the blanks furnished
us for that purpose.

The several minutes of the Yearly Meeting to which the attention of the [illegible] was called have received the required attention from this meeting.

[illegible] documents from the [illegible] the same respectively.

Our treasurer informs that our quota of [illegible]

We have united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the [illegible] of Joanna Peck to the station of elder.

We have appointed Charles W. Earl and Adaline H. Chace to represent the Quarterly Meeting on the proposed committee for the revision of the Discipline of the Yearly Meeting.

We have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in its change of the hour of holding the First-day [illegible] from 10-30 [illegible] to 11 [illegible] A.M.

We have united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in the [illegible] to the station of [illegible] and also with [illegible] of [illegible] members of the Meeting on [illegible] — likewise with the [illegible] five associate members in Rhode Island [illegible]

We have united with [illegible] Meeting in [illegible] the gift [illegible] of Elizabeth [illegible], and in [illegible] the extension of the same; and also with that [illegible] appointment of [illegible] to the [illegible] of [illegible].

We have [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] Mo. Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible], and with [illegible] [illegible] Meeting and acknowledging the [illegible] and approving the private ministry of Exil Estes and Mary E. Kimber.

Thomas J. Bailey
Clerk

Summary of Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of inclement weather. The attendance on First-day mornings has been generally good. Many of the other meetings small. The hour nearly observed.

Ans. 2nd

With some exceptions in two meetings, love and unity are maintained, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] have been used to end differences.

Ans. 3rd

Friends appear generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train up their children [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] profession.

Ans 4th

With a few exceptions, [illegible] frequently read the Holy Scriptures [illegible].

Ans. 5th

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of our testimony [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

attending places of amusement inconsistent
with our Christian character. Moderation
[illegible] generally observed.

Ans. 6th

The circumstances of the poor are
attended to, and care is taken in the
education of children.

Ans. 7th

We know of no violation of our
discipline in the [illegible] of oaths, bearing
military service, or defrauding the
public revenue.

Ans. 8th

Friends [illegible]
and settle their accounts; they appear to
be punctual to their promises and just in
the payment of their debts, and [illegible]
to live within the bounds of their
circumstances.

Ans. 9th

Careful as to records; some
removals without certificates [illegible]
under care.

Ans. 10th

With some exceptions the discip-
line appears to have been administered in
Christian tenderness, [illegible]

Thomas J. H. Battey.

Eighth Month, 1877.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held as a united Meeting at
Newport, R.I. 8 mo 5. 1877.

By the accounts
received from all our Monthly Meetings it
appears that the following named friends were
appointed representatives to this meeting, viz.

From Rhode Island.

Joseph S. Anthony, Anthony M. Kimber,
Benjamin M. Carr, Sarah P. Anthony and
Josephine W. Kimber.

Greenwich

Mary C. Arnold, Alice C Earle, E Annah
Tucker, Catharine Greene, and Chas W. Earle.

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Swansea

Henry C. Aydelott, Rachel P. Chace, Frank E. Jones, Luella E. Jones, Esther Chace & G. Mahlon Chace.

Providence

Sarah J. Hanson, M. Augusta Battey, Elizabeth Seton, Robert P. Gifford and Thomas J. Battey.

South Kingston.

William H. Perry. whose names being called all were present except two.

Minute I The Queries have all been read and considered in this meeting.

" II The representatives from this to the late Yearly Meeting report that they all attended except six.

" III The Committee appointed in the 5th mo last to audit and settle the treasurers account and for other purposes presented the following report viz.-

To the Quarterly Meeting.

The Treasurers Account forwarded herewith we find to be correct with proper vouchers showing balance in his hand of Five Dollars

We propose that the Sum of Six Hundred twentyfive ($625.) Dollars be raised for the use of this meeting the coming year, and that Robert P. Gifford be appointed treasurer.

Providence 7th Mo 31st 1897

Robert B. Hanson } Committee
Charles Sisson }

Treasurers Account.

Receipts

	Balance last year	$ 21.90
1/22/97	Received from So. Kingston Mo Mtg.	28.00
4/3/97	" " Greenwich " "	35.00
4/24/97	" " Swansea " "	196.00
4/24/97	" " Providence " "	196.00
4/29/97	" " Rhode Island " "	245.00
	Total - - -	$ 721.90

Eighth. Month, 1897.

Expenditures

4/3/97	Paid Chas W. Earle, treasurer of Quarterly Meetings Committee, on account. -	$56.90
4/24/97	Paid Samuel R. Buffinton Treas. Y Mtg.	400.00
4/30/97	" " " " bal.	260.00
	Now on hand	5.00
		721.90

Robert P. Gifford
Treasurer.

7/31/97. which is acceptable to this meeting and their recommendation of Robert P. Gifford as treasurer is approved and adopted by this meeting, and he is accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year and the several Monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective quotas, (one half by the 1st of 11th mo 1897. & the remainder by the first of 5th mo 1898) of ($625) Six Hundred and twenty five Dollars which Sum this meeting concludes to raise for its use the ensuing year.

IV The following minute from the clerk of our late yearly meeting has been received and read at this time, and the clerk is directed to inform the several Monthly Meetings of their respective quotas of Stock

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Portland in Sixth Month, 1897.

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Yearly Meeting the present year the sum of $2500. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay their respective proportions of said sum to our Treasurer, and it is desired that one half at least should be paid by the first of Eleventh Month and the remainder by the first of Fifth Month.

The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting at 22 1/4 % is $556.25.

With a view to having our Quarterly Meetings represented in the Yearly Meeting on the basis of their membership, it is concluded that each Quarterly Meeting appoint, to attend the Yearly Meeting, five representatives and one additional for every two hundred members or major fraction thereof.

As heretofore Quarterly Meetings are to appoint two of their members to serve on the Finance Committee.

As the Yearly Meeting is held in joint session, one account and one set of answers will be sufficient.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

John Ellwood Paige Clerk.

Theophilus Waldemier, a minister of the gospel with his wife Fareedy Waldemier, acceptably attended this meeting and presented credentials from Brumana Monthly Meeting, ~~Meeting~~, Syria, endorsed by London Monthly Meeting, (Devonshire House) England, these credentials set forth at length the concern of our friends to establish on Mt. Lebanon a hospital for the mentally afflicted in a land where the treatment of that unfortunate class is sadly cruel and inhuman. The earnest prayerful sympathy of this Quarterly Meeting has been awakened on behalf of our friends and the cause they are advocating, and we appoint Anthony M. Kimber and Ellen K. Buffum, to act on our behalf in receiving and forwarding to our friends any funds that may be contributed to their work, and by correspondence with them keep this meeting informed of its progress

V Eli G. Parker a minister of the gospel duly accredited by Lynn Grove Quarterly Meeting, Iowa acceptably attended this meeting.

The Clerk is authorized to furnish our dear friends with copies of their respective minutes.

VI The Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and oversight through its clerk Charles W. Earle, reported on the work of its committee in care of meetings, and proposed that ($4.50) be appropriated for the use of said committee, with which this meeting unites, and our treasurer is directed to pay said amount to Chas W Earle the treasurer of that committee whenever the balance in our treasury will permit.

Having concluded the business coming before us at this time in much harmony we adjourn, proposing to meet in Fall River at the usual time in the 10th mo. next, if the Lord permit

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Eleventh Month 1897.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held as a united meeting at Fall River, 11th mo 4. 1897.

[illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends were appointed representatives to this meeting- viz.

From Rhode Island.

[illegible] Emily A Holman, James M. Estes, Mary W. Macomber, and Josephine W. Kimber.

Greenwich-

Charles W. Earle, Harriet A. Shove, Alice C. Earle, and E. Anna Tucker.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Providence

Ellen K. Buffum, Hannah P. Ladd, Augustine Jones [illegible] E. Sites [illegible]

South Kingston

[illegible] being called [illegible] for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was assigned.

[illegible] considered in this meeting

Ezra [illegible], a minister of the gospel [illegible] meeting of [illegible]

[illegible] to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Copies of the [illegible] of the [illegible] Yearly Meeting for 1897 have been received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting [illegible] " III

[illegible]

Greenwich Monthly Meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

Eleventh Month, 1897.

[illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] First [illegible] on the first day of the week at 10-45 o'clock A.M.; and at 7 o'clock P.M. on the 5th day of each successive week; and also that it has [illegible] a Preparative Meeting to be held at the close of the 7 o'clock meeting on the 5th day evening of the week before each Monthly Meeting. Said meeting to be known as Coventry Preparative Meeting.

This information is encouraging and satisfactory to us.

A report from the Committee of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight on the work at Warwick and [illegible] was [illegible] in this meeting and showed an encouraging progress with a prospect in the [illegible] state of the work [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] having been concluded in much harmony we adjourn proposing to meet in Providence at the usual time in the 2nd mo. next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Second Month, 1895

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a united meeting 2nd mo 3rd 1895:

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following friends were appointed representatives to this meeting viz:

Rhode Island

Ellwood G. Macomber, Emily Holman, James M. Estes, Lydia Goddard, Josephine Tinkler, Edward B. Ayler, Joseph S. Anthony, Robert C. Wetherell, Ruth Wetherell, Mary H. Macomber, Richard R. Macomber.

Greenwich

Caroline G. Buffington, Juliana Freeborn, Annie Merrill, Samuel Peck, E. Hannah Jacks, Lydia E. Drinkwater.

Swansea

Herbert A. Thomas, Charles A. Chace, Daniel Moore, Eleanor S. Moore, Adaline J. Chace, Henry C. Aydelott.

Providence.

Mary H. Sutton, Louisa A. Meader, Hannah P. Ladd, Valentine C. Meader, Thomas J. Battey and Walter S. Meader.

South Kingston

John Babcock, Mary P. Babcock.

Whose names being called all were found to be present except seven for the absence of two of whom sufficient reasons were given.

Henry C. Aydelott on behalf of the representatives to this meeting informed that they had conferred together upon the subject of clerks for this meeting and that the names of Thomas J. Battey were proposed as Clerk and Susan Peckham to serve as assistant clerk for the ensuing year. Which names being separately considered were united with and they were accordingly appointed to those stations respectively. — Minute I. Clerks.

The Queries have all been read and considered in this meeting. — II Queries

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III. C. W. Goddard [illegible] Charles W. Goddard in the course of a religious visit attended this meeting and presented a certificate duly accrediting him as a minister of the gospel, from Elk River Monthly Meeting endorsed by Elk River Quarterly Meeting, Kansas. His company and services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is authorized to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Annie M. Goddard. We also had with us at this time Annie M. Goddard, an elder accredited from the same meeting, as companion to her husband Chas. W. Goddard.

IV [illegible] A. Kelsey. [illegible] A. Kelsey a minister of the gospel attending this meeting presented a certificate from the Ministers and Elders of [illegible] Monthly Meeting, N.Y., accrediting him as a minister of the gospel in that meeting. His company and services have been acceptable to us and we desire that he may feel easy freely in the further service he has before him within our limits. The clerk is authorized to give him a returning minute.

V Welcome to others. We extend a cordial welcome to the ministers and other visitors and all others from neighboring meetings who are with us at this time.

VI H. A. Skinner elder. Swansea Monthly Meeting reports that they have united with their Meeting on Min. & Oversight in appointing Herbert A. Skinner to the station of elder, which is approved by the meeting.

VII Changes in Green. Mtgs. Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs that the time of holding the Preparative Meeting on Min. & Oversight has been changed from 11 o'clock A.M. to 2 o'clock P.M. on the 7th day preceding the Quarterly Meeting and desires that the Monthly Meeting be held at 3 o'clock P.M. on the last 7th day ~~before~~ the [illegible] of each month alternately at East Greenwich and Anthony.
This meeting approves of the proposed change.

VIII Recording U. E. Kelsey as a minister. Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs that they have united with their meeting on Ministry and Oversight in acknowledging and recording the gift in the ministry of [illegible] Edward Kelsey.
This meeting cordially unites with the action

and the clerk is directed to furnish the necessary information in the above cases.

South Kingston Mo. Meeting informs that its quota ($25.) of Quarterly Meeting Stock has been paid to our treasurer and that John Babcock has been appointed correspondent for that meeting in place of Peter H. Collins deceased. IX So. Kingston [illegible]

Swansea Monthly Meeting informs that the time of holding Swansea Preparative Meeting has been changed from 3rd day evening to 5th day evening at half past seven o'clock. X Change of time Swansea P. [illegible] Mtg.

A report from the committee of our Meeting on Min. and Oversight appointed to aid smaller meetings, was read at this time, setting forth the encouraging progress of the work especially at [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]; and recommending the appointment of a new committee (two names were read). It also advises that a collection be taken up at this meeting in aid of the work. XI Report of [illegible]

The report was acceptable to us and a collection amounting to [illegible] was contributed by those present.

Ellen K. Buffum on behalf of the committee to receive funds for Theophilus Waldmeier's work, reported that over $200 had been collected for that purpose. XII Report on T. Waldmeier's work.

It is decided to transfer the members of South Kingston Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to the Meeting on Min. and Oversight of Greenwich Monthly Meeting; and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information in the case. XIII Transfer of mem. of S. K. [illegible] M. & O. to Gr. Mo. on M & O.

James M. Estes, [illegible] E. [illegible], [illegible] F. [illegible], [illegible] P. Gifford and John Babcock were appointed a committee to nominate a name for Superintendent of Bible Schools, two members of a Finance Committee, and names of representatives to the Yearly Meeting on the new basis of representation in accordance with Minute 33 of our last Yearly Meeting. Said committee to report at our next meeting. XIV Nom. Com.

We appoint Walter T. [illegible] to fill the Vacancy on the committee for revision of the Discipline caused by the death of our dear friend Charles H. [illegible] XV

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The business of the Quarterly Meeting having been concluded in much harmony, we adjourn, proposing to meet at the usual time at East Greenwich in the 5th mo. next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Fifth Month, 1898.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a united meeting at East Greenwich 5th mo. 5th 1898.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following friends were appointed representatives to this meeting viz.

Rhode Island.

Joseph E. Macomber, Albert Scott, Laura [illegible], Nahum Greene, Robert [illegible] and Ezra Estes.

Greenwich.

Harriet Stone, Ellen M. [illegible], Anna Merrill, A. Edward Kelsey, Moses L. Buffington, Joseph H. Atwater.

Swansea

[illegible] E. Dow, Charles A. Chace, Esther Chace, Eliza F. Sisson, Phebe G. [illegible], Simeon [illegible], Elizabeth Chace and Adaline F. Chace.

Providence

Ellen R. [illegible], Sarah J. Hanson, Thos. J. Battey, Robert P. Gifford, Edward A. Mead, and Robert B. Hanson.

South Kingston.

John Babcock and Wm. H. Perry.

whose names being called all were found to be present except three for whom also sufficient reasons were assigned.

Min. I The Queries have all been read in this meeting with answers from our seven Queries Monthly Meetings from which a summary has been prepared which with other extracts from our

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minutes, we direct forwarded to the Yearly Meeting [illegible] to be held at Newport R.I. the 6th mo. next, by the following friends whom we have appointed our representatives, Viz. Eli Estes, Charles A. Chace, Harriet D. Collins, Augustine Jones, Obadiah Chace, Joseph H. Atwater, Susan Peckham, [illegible] Elizabeth A. Gifford and A. Edward Kelsey. Representatives

Min II Our treasurer reports that the sum called for from this meeting has been paid to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. Treasurer [illegible]

Min III We appoint Charles A. Chace and Robert B. Hanson a committee to audit and settle the treasurers account, name a sum to be raised by this meeting the ensuing year, and a person to serve the same as treasurer. Auditing Com.

Min IV Our dear aged friend, Nathan Douglas attended this meeting and presented a minute of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement from Durham Mo. Meeting of Friends, Maine. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is authorized to furnish him with a copy of this minute. Nathan Douglas.

Min V Charles H. Stalker attended this meeting and presented a minute duly accrediting him as a minister and member of [illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible] and liberating him for evangelistic service in the Mississippi Valley. Although this Quar. meeting is not included in his specified field of service we welcome him among us and desire that he may feel the liberty there is in the truth while laboring among us in the Masters cause. Chas. H Stalker

Min VI Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in acknowledging the gift for the ministry of [illegible] Hays and approving him as a minister in the Church, also in appointing to the station of elder Annie [illegible]

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L. Manchester, and Isaac B. Macomber,
Elders. with which action this meeting unites,
and directs the usual information to
be given of the same.

The same meeting also informs that
Change of they have changed the hour of holding
time. the First day morning meeting at Portsmouth
from 10 o'clock to 10:30, which this meeting approves.

Min. VII Providence Monthly Meeting inform
that they propose holding their Monthly
Change to Meeting at Saylesville during the ensuing 6th
Saylesville 7th & 8th mos. at the same hour as now which
this meeting approves.

They also inform that they have appointed
M. H. Sutton elder Mary H. Sutton to the station of elder which
is satisfactory to us.

Min. VIII We unite with Greenwich Mo.
Elders M. L. Buffington E. M. Atwater Meeting in the appointment of Moses L.
Buffington and Ellen M. Atwater, to the station of elder.

Min. IX The nominating committee appointed
in 2nd mo. last reported for reappointment the
Reps. names recorded in minute 1 for Superintendent
Supt. B.S. of Bible Schools & Statistical Clerk and for
members of the finance committee [illegible]
Finance Com. Gifford and Phebe S. Aydelott, who are
acceptable to us and they are accordingly
appointed to their respective stations.

Min. X The following is the report of the Bible School
superintendents for the year ending 3 mo. 1898, viz.

[illegible] B.S.

[illegible] O.S.

Somerset 6-2-'98

Thomas J. Battey

Dear Friend:

I have just recieved the last report from the Bible Schools of this Quarter and find that there are eight schools with a total enrollment of 543 members not including the Bible class at Prov. which has sent in no statical report Schools reported are as follow viz:

Somerset	123	E. Greenwich	12
Fall River	103	Anthony	69
Freetown	20	Saylesville	64
Newport	76		
Portsmouth	76		

The full reports have been forwarded to L. M. Douglas Y. M. Supt of Bible Schools. I have visited all the schools except E. Greenwich and Anthony and found them in fairly good condition.

Very Truly
G. M. Chace

Box 177
Fall River
Mass.

Fifth Month 1898.

Min. XI The report of the Quarterly Meeting's Vice President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society has been received and read at this time

It is satisfactory and encouraging to us, and the clerk is directed to place it in our records.

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Missionary Report

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

As I look over the past year and cull from the reports many items of cheer, I can but feel that the dear Father is indeed blessing our work; and if there have been a few discouraging things, the bright side is so clear and sunshiny that it chases away all the dark shadows and leaves only

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been carried on by two Auxiliaries. One reports that of literature only, and another of literature and proportionate and systematic giving.

Thirteen meetings for worship are held in our Quarterly Meeting. One of these is carried on during the summer months only, and two others have been recently started. There are three hundred and thirty-one women over

Min XII. The following statistical information for the year ending 3rd mo 1st 1898 has been received from our Monthly Meetings and is directed to be forwarded to our Yearly Meeting.

It may be summarized as follows.

Fifth Month 1898.

Min. XI The report of the Quarterly Meeting's Vice President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society has been received and read at this time. It is satisfactory and encouraging to us, and the clerk is directed to place it in our records.

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the encouraging side.

As in years past, the two missions in Ramallah and Indian Territory claim our first and only attention.

All but one Auxiliary report meetings regularly held, and these are always opened with Scripture reading and prayer. Aside from the business, the Uniform Lessons, missionary items and books have formed a part of

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eighteen years of age. Ninety-two of this number are active members of our missionary society. Seven are life members, and ten honorary.

Some of the Auxiliaries have not taken up the work among the children for the reason that as Juniors of the C. E. societies they have their missionary department, and this can not be reckoned with ours. In one Auxiliary, at least, the Juniors have shown much

Min. XII The following statistical information for the year ending 3rd mo 1st 1898 has been received from our Monthly Meetings and is [illegible] be forwarded to ou[illegible]

It also is [illegible] as follows.

Eighth Month 1898.

Min. XI The report of the Quarterly Meeting's Vice President of the Womans Foreign Missionary Society has been received and read at this time. It is satisfactory and encouraging to us and the clerk is directed to place it on our records.

our exercises. Five public meetings have been held in the interest of missions, but no conferences. Four hundred and ninety-two dollars and thirty-seven cents ($492.37) have been raised during the current year, ending 3rd month, 31st, 1898. This was obtained by means of membership fees, free-will offerings, mite-boxes, birthday gifts, private sales by individuals, and one

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interest in preparing presents for the Indian children and have sent quite a little sum of money to our missions.

May our lives be so consecrated to Him that in the year to come we may be able to do greater service for our Lord and Master.

Adeline F. Chace,
Q. M. Vice President,

6th mo, 5th. 1898

Min. XII The following [illegible] for [illegible] 3rd mo 1st 1898 [illegible] from our Monthly Meeting collections [illegible] be forwarded [illegible]
[illegible]

Eighth Month 1898.

Min. XI The report of the Quarterly Meeting's Vice President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been received and read at this time. It is satisfactory and encouraging to us and the clerk is directed to place it on our records.

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supper at a private house.

One Auxiliary reports that the different members earned fifty cents ($.50) each. Of the sum raised, twenty-six dollars and twenty-nine cents ($26.29) have been used for current expenses, and the balance has been forwarded to the general treasury.

None of our funds have been used for home missions. The three departments of work called for by the Constitution and By-Laws have

interest in preparing presents for the Indian children and have sent quite a little sum of money to our missions.

May our lives be so consecrated to Him that in the year to come we may be able to do greater service for our Lord and Master.

Adeline F. Chace,
Q. M. Vice President,
6th mo, 5th. 1898

Min. XII The following statistical information for the year ending 8th mo. 1st 1898 has been received from our Monthly Meeting [illegible] and is directed to be forwarded to our [illegible] meeting.
It may be [illegible] as follows.

[illegible]

[illegible] 1897

" " " " " " 1898

Showing increase during year of
Whole No. Ministers in Quar. Meeting
" " Elders " "
" " Associate members
No. Ministers deceased during yea

STATISTICAL REPORT of the Monthly Meetings constituting R. I. Quarterly Meeting.

From Third Month 1st, 1897, to Third Month 1st, 1898.

	STATISTICS OF MINISTERS, ELDERS AND ASSOCIATES.			STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.												STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.							
Monthly Meetings	Number of Ministers.	Number of Elders.	Number of Associate Members	Number of Members reported last year.	Error in last year's Report. ——Gain.	Error in last year's Report. ——Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present Number of Members.	Number of Children between 4 and 12.	Number of Children between 12 and 21.	Number Attending School.	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	Number between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	Number attending College.	Number attending Colleges controlled by Friends.
Rhode Island	7	1	12	217	0	0	3	6	2	0	23	8	14		231	17	20	27	6	6	1	1
Greenwich	4	3	0	37	0	4	0	1	3	0	10	0	8		45	2	1	2	0	0	1	0
Swansea	5	9	13	346	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	0	348	44	35	58	3	2	1	0
Providence	3	9	9	232	0	0	2	6	10	2	2	6	0	0	232	18	24	35	11	7	3	1
South Kingston	2	3	0	71	0	5	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	11	60	6	4	9	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	25	34	903	0	9	7	20	15	3	39	16	13		916	87	84	131	20	15	6	2

NAMES OF ELDERS. (Deceased.)			
Parthenia Underwood	9 mo. 11. 1897	78th yr.	Swansea
Charles W. Earle	1st mo 20. 1898	71st year	Greenwich
George S. Gould	5 mo 12. 1897	85 yr. 4 mo. 10 d.	So. Kingston
Peter H. Collins	1st mo. 6th 1898	88 yr 7 mo. 1 d	So. Kingston

Fifth Month 1898.

Min. XIII. This meeting directs that the following minute be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. Viz.

This meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to change the apportionment of representatives from the Quarterly Meetings so Representation that in addition to the four representatives now allowed there may be one additional for every one hundred members or major fraction thereof.

Min. XV [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Augustine Jones and M. Augusta Bailey So Kingston to take with Representatives the committee of South [illegible] Kingston Monthly Meeting, and report to next meeting.

Concluding Min. Having disposed of the business coming before us at this time we conclude Adjourn- to adjourn expecting to meet in [illegible] at the usual time on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Summary of Answers.

Ans. I All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except four on First-day and a few midweek meetings omitted in part on account of inclement weather. With some exception Friends attend them duly and at the time appointed.

Ans. II Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. III We think most Friends try to maintain a religious life and conversation, and those who have children or others under their care endeavor to train them up in accordance with our christian profession.

Ans. IV [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] complied with as queried, and are clear in maintaining our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Ans. V. Two cases are reported in one Monthly Meeting of the use of intoxicating liquors as a

Greenwich
Swansea
Providence
South Kingstown
Totals

NAMES OF MINISTERS. (DECEASED.)	DATE OF DEATH.	Or in what year of his age.	WHICH THEY BELONGED.
Huldah M. Beede	11 mo 16, 1897	86 yr, 7 mo 17 d.	Providence
NAMES OF ELDERS. (Deceased.)			
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beverage
With a few exceptions Friends are careful
to avoid, amusements, reading, dress
inconsistent with a Christian character
and to observe true moderation
in all things.

Ans. VI The circumstances of the poor are
attended to and care is taken in the
education of children.

Ans VII With one exception as to military
matters we know of no violation of the
Discipline in regard to [illegible] military service,
or defrauding the public revenue

Ans VIII With a few exceptions Friends frequently
inspect their affairs and settle their accounts;
are punctual to their promises just in the
payment of their debts and careful to
live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans IX With some exceptions the query
is observed as to records & removal certificates.

Ans. X Efforts have been made to
administer the Discipline in Christian
tenderness firmly and impartially.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for
New England next to be held at Newport
in the 6th month. 1898.

Dear Friends

I The Queries have all been read
in this meeting with answers thereto
from all our Monthly Meetings from which
the accompanying summary has been
adopted for your information which
together with the statistical reports from our monthly
are directed to be forwarded to your meeting
and the following Friends have been appointed
according to the new rule of representation to
attend the Yearly meeting as our representatives.
viz. Eli Estes, Charles H. Chase, Frazier
D. Collins, Augustine Jones, Obadiah Chase,
Joseph H Atwater, Susan Peckham, Phebe
[illegible] Endicott, Elizabeth H. Gifford, [illegible] H.
[illegible] Kelsey.

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II Our treasurer informs us that our quota of stock called for last year has been paid to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

III The several matters of statistical information required are herewith furnished in blanks furnished us for that purpose.

IV Our quota of the several official documents from the last Yearly Meeting to this and our several Monthly Meetings have been received apportioned and forwarded to the same respectively.

V We have appointed Walter [illegible] to fill the vacancy on the committee for the revision of the Discipline caused by the death of our dear friend Charles W. [illegible]

VI We have approved of the following changes in meeting hours &c.

(1) First-day morning meeting at Portsmouth R.I. from 10 o'clock to 10-30

2d Providence Monthly Meeting from Providence to Saylesville during 6th 7th & 8th months of 1878 at same day and hour as now.

(3) Greenwich Preparative on Ministry and oversight from 11 o'clock A.M. to 2 o'clock P.M. on the day of the monthly meeting preceding each monthly meeting, and the Monthly Meeting to be held on the last 7th day of each month at 2 o'clock P.M. at East Greenwich and [illegible] alternately, that at East Greenwich [illegible] months

4 Swansea Preparative Meeting from 5th day morning to 5th day afternoon at [illegible]

VII We have approved the action of Greenwich Monthly Meeting in establishing a meeting for worship at Anthony Village R.I. on 1st day at 10-45 A.M. and on 4th day at 7 o'clock P.M., together with a Preparative Meeting at the same place to be held at the close of the 4th day meeting on 5th day evening of the week preceding each monthly meeting, said meeting to be known as Coventry Preparative Meeting.

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Time appointed and [illegible] [illegible]

VIII We have united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] [illegible] to the station of elder: with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] H. [illegible] to the station of elder, and likewise with Greenwich Sum [illegible]

IX We have endorsed the action of Greenwich Monthly Meeting in approving the gift in the ministry of [illegible] Edward Kelsey and with the like action of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in relation to Harry [illegible], who are both now recorded ministers of the Gospel in our Society.

X This meeting has transferred the members of South Kingston Meeting on membership and oversight to the corresponding meeting of Greenwich

XI [illegible] Babcock has been appointed correspondent of So. Kingston Mo. meeting in place of [illegible] Collins deceased.
His address is

XII We have appointed G. Mahlon [illegible] Superintendent of Bible Schools and Robert P. [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] members of the finance committee for the ensuing year.

Thomas [illegible] [illegible]
Clerk.

Eighth Month. 1898.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a united meeting at Newport R.I. 8 mo. 4, 1898.

The following friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz

from Rhode Island Mo. meeting.

Mary E. Kimber, Joseph S. Anthony, Ellwood G. Macomber, Anna L. Manchester and Henry Orswell.

from Greenwich

Lydia E. Drinkwater, Anna Merritt E. Anna Tucker, Joseph H. Atwater, Alice C Earle.

from Swansea

Herbert A. Skinner, Henry C. Aydelott, Esther Chace, Charles A Chace Daniel P. Shove Obadiah Chace, Luella E. Jones and Mary E Gage.

from Providence.

Louisa N. Meader, M. Augusta Bailey, Robert B. Hanson, E. Herbert Briggs, Freelove H. Briggs, Sarah J. Hanson, Wm. L. Bates.

from South Kingston.

Wm. H. Perry, Elizabeth N. Perry.

whose names being called all were found to be present except six.

Min. I The minutes from Greenwich Monthly Meeting were not received but the names of the representatives as recorded were supplied by those in attendance from that meeting. Green. Mtg

Min. II The Queries were all read and considered. The representatives to our late Yearly Meeting reported that they all attended. Queries? Y.M. Reps.

Min III The committee appointed in the 5th mo. last to Audit and settle the treasurers account and for other purposes, presented the following report viz; Auditors Report

Newport, R. I. 8th mo 3, 1898.

To the Quarterly Meeting.

We have examined the Treasurers account which is herewith submitted and find the correct balance on hand to be eight and $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars.

We propose that the sum of Five

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Hundred twenty five $525. be raised to meet the prospective payments of the ensuing year and that the name of Robert P. Gifford be considered for appointment as treasurer.

Charles A. Chace }
Robert B. Hanson } Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance on hand last year	$ 5.00
Recd from the Mo. Mtgs as directed 8th mo. last	625.00
	$ 630.00
Paid Samuel R. Buffinton Treasurer of Yearly Meeting 12 mo. 1st 1897.	$ 312.50
Paid to the Committee of Mtg on Ministry and Oversight	$ 65.00
Paid Samuel R. Buffinton Treasurer of Yearly Mtg. 4 mo. 25. 1898	243.75
Balance now on hand	8.75
	$ 630.00

Robert P. Gifford
Treasurer.

* Min. 14

Mary Nichols

Our dear friend Mary Nichols in the course of an extensive religious visit, attended this meeting and presented a minute of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement from Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting endorsed by Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Friends Ind. Her company and services have been acceptable to this meeting, and the clerk is authorized to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

* (to follow the Treasurer's Report above)

All of which is satisfactory to us, and the recommendation of Robert P. Gifford for Treasurer is approved and adopted by this meeting and he is accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year and the several monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective quotas of the $525 called for which sum the meeting concludes to raise for its use the coming year. One half to be sent in by the first of 11th mo 1898, and the balance by the 1st of 8 mo. 1899.

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Min 1 The following minute from the Clerk of our late from Y.M Yearly Meeting has been received and read at this Clerk time and the clerk is directed to give the requisite information to our several Monthly Meetings.

TO RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport R.I Sixth month 10th to 15th inclusive 1898.

It was concluded to raise for the use of the meeting the ensuing year the sum of Two thousand dollars ($2000.00), which our several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay - in their respective proportions - to our Treasurer, Samuel R. Buffinton-- one half to be paid on or before the first of Eleventh month, and the remainder on or before the first of Fifth month next.

The quota of your meeting at 22 1/4 % is Four hundred forty five dollars. ($445.00)

Your request that a change in the basis of representation be made, was granted; representatives to the Yearly Meeting will be chosen thus: each Quarterly Meeting will choose five representatives at large and one additional for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof.

Attention of Monthly Meetings is called as usual to the " Plan for Christian Giving" see printed minutes page 56

From the minutes of the aforesaid meeting

John Ellwood Paige Clerk.

Min 4 The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight reported through its clerk on the work of their Com. on committee in care of meetings which was meetings acceptable and encouraging to us. For the furtherance of the work a collection was taken in the Quarterly Meeting amounting to nineteen dollars ($19.) and the meeting authorizes our treasurer to pay over to the treasurer of this committee the balance of ($8.75)

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Eight & $\frac{75}{100}$ Dollars now remaining in our treasury and we also appropriate ($75) Seventy five Dollars to aid the work the ensuing year to be paid over when the state of the treasury shall warrant it.

Min VII So. King. mo. Mtg. The committee to take into consideration the condition of South Kingston Monthly Meeting not being ready to report are continued another quarter.

Min VIII This meeting unites with Swansea Monthly Meeting in their appointment of Simeon H. Luther to the station of elder, and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information in the case.

Simeon H. Luther

Minute IX Our dear friend John Pennington, a minister [illegible] member of [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends, Ohio & endorsed by

Pennington [illegible] Creek Quarterly Meeting attended this meeting. His company and services have been acceptable and the clerk is authorized to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Min X The business of the Quarterly Meeting having been conducted in much harmony

Concluding we adjourn proposing to meet at the usual [illegible] the Lord permit.

[illegible]

Clerk.

Eleventh Month, 1898.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held as a [illegible] meeting in Fall River
11 mo. 3, 1898.

The following friends have been
appointed representatives to this meeting.

From Rhode Island Mo. Meeting
Delia Rees, Mary Chase, Joseph S. Anthony,
Lydia H. Goddard, Katharine Jones, Joseph E.
Macomber, Edward S. Rees and Stephen
W. Kimber.

From Greenwich.
[illegible] H. Stanton, [illegible] Edward [illegible],
Edith M. [illegible], E. [illegible]
and [illegible]

From Swansea
Emma C. [illegible]
Simeon [illegible], Thomas D. [illegible]
M. Davis, Eliza A. Sisson, Esther Chace and
Lucilla W. Jones.

From Providence
[illegible] [illegible]
M. Meader, Robert S. [illegible], Thomas [illegible]
and E. Herbert Briggs.

From South Kingston
John [illegible]
who are all present except four for the absence
of three of whom sufficient reasons were given.

Min. I The queries have all been read and
considered in this meeting.

Min. II Providence Monthly Meeting informs that it
has changed the time of holding Saylesville
Preparative Meeting to Fifth day evening instead
of Fourthday evening as heretofore, with which
action this meeting concurs.

Saylesville
Pre. Mtg.

Min. III
Our dear friend A. Elizabeth Jones [illegible]
[illegible] this meeting [illegible]
to her husband [illegible] Jones in his labors as
Superintendent of Gospel Work, and presented
[illegible] Mo. Meeting. [illegible]
Her company and services have been acceptable
to us as well as those of her husband and the
clerk is authorized to furnish them with a

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copy of this minute.

Min. IV Our dear friends Isom P. Wooton, a minister of the Gospel, and his wife Margery Wooton, an Elder, duly accredited from Earlham Mo. Meeting, Iowa, with their credentials endorsed by Bear Creek Quarterly Meeting Iowa, attended this meeting.

Isom Wooton & wife.

The company and gospel services of our friends have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Min. V

The Clerk of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight presented the accompanying report (see margin) of the work carried on under its committee, which has been satisfactory and encouraging to us. A collection in furtherance of the work was taken up amounting to $25.01.

Min. VI.

The attention of this meeting having been called to the subject of a tent used during the past warm season within the limits of the Quarterly meeting, we appoint [illegible] [illegible], Isaac [illegible] Macomber, [illegible] [illegible], Joseph A. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible], Ralph Earle, [illegible] A. Luther, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] A. [illegible] and Clara [illegible] to confer with the Yearly Meeting's Gospel Committee with reference to the same and solicit funds for its repair. Said committee to report at a future meeting.

Min. VII.

The committee to take into consideration the condition of So. Kingston Mo. Meeting presented the following report viz—

Providence, R.I. 11mo 2nd 1898.

To Rhode Island Quar. Meeting:

The committee which was appointed to consider the condition of South Kingston Monthly Meeting, reports that in the present reduced condition thereof, it is their united judgment that it would be well to dissolve or lay down said Monthly Meeting and to [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] Mo. Meeting to receive the membership of said dissolved

[illegible]

[illegible] lay down rules, identify the
[illegible] territory and jurisdiction of the
Meeting to include the membership of [illegible]
[illegible] Meeting, and that district of [illegible]
[illegible] and the [illegible]

We [illegible] four special trusts in charge of
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Deed [illegible]
[illegible]
reconveying the property [illegible]
[illegible] of Greenwich Monthly [illegible]
[illegible] 18[illegible]

[illegible] kept separate
[illegible] apart from each other, and strictly held and [illegible]
with the purpose to the restoration at [illegible] of these several
Meetings [illegible] or an [illegible] thereto; and that as
far as practical the trusts be kept in [illegible]
[illegible] hands of the Overseers
who are by law a corporation authorized to hold such trusts.
We believe that in no event should Greenwich Monthly Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] indiscriminately for its own [illegible] use or [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] Committee.

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Monthly Meeting and that district of country within its limits and the superintendence of all [illegible] grounds now held by or in trust for it.

We find four special trusts in charge of this meeting or its agents as follows:—

First:- The Boston Meeting Fund Remainder of the original legacy of Amy Knowles $136. and accrued income thereof $344.60 total $480.60

There is no meeting house but there is a grave yard containing the bodies of many friends including that of the donor of the fund.

Second:- The Hopkinton Meeting House and grounds including burying-ground.

Third: The Tower Hill ground and Burying Ground, there being now no meeting house located there.

Fourth: The Proceeds of the sale of the Boston Neck Meeting House amounting to $[illegible]6.

The Discipline requires that a minute shall be entered on the books of South Kingston Monthly Meeting before it is dissolved [illegible] transferring the property under its direction to the superintendence of Greenwich Monthly Meeting (Discipline 18[illegible] ed. p. 138)

We desire further to recommend to the Quar. Meeting that the several trust properties be carefully kept separate and apart from each other and strictly held and preserved with a purpose to the restoration at last of these several meetings and as an encouragement thereto. And that as far as practicable the trusts be kept in the hands of the present local trustees thereof if not the hands of the overseers who are by law a corporation authorized to hold such trusts. We believe in no event should Greenwich Monthly Meeting use these properties or income solely for its own religious use or charitable work excepting in connection with the four meetings of South Kingston above named applying each trust to its own place without a special order of Court

Augustine Jones }
M. Augusta Ballou } The
Charles A. Chace } Committee.

over

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which report is satisfactory to us and this ~~and this~~ meeting accordingly authorizes and directs the laying down of South Kingston Monthly Meeting and the transference of the members constituting it to Greenwich Monthly Meeting in accordance with the conditions and requirements laid down in said report as soon as the action required in Discipline (Ed. 1887, page 131) has been taken, and the clerk is directed to furnish South Kingston and Greenwich Monthly Meetings each with a copy of this minute and the report of the committee.

We also continue the same committee to extend such further care and advice as may appear necessary and make a final report when the transfer is completed.

Min VIII.

As our hearts have been cheered by the large attendance at our Quarterly Meeting today, and especially by the large body of our younger members, and by the clear and full exposition of gospel truth we now conclude in much thankfulness for the blessings vouchsafed to us, proposing to meet at the usual time in Providence in the 2nd mo. next, if the Lord permit.

Horatio J. Bailey
Clerk.

Second Month, 1899.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held as a united meeting in Providence 2nd mo. 2, 1898.

By the accounts present from our Monthly Meetings we learn that the appointments are as follow.

Rhode Island.

Joseph S. Anthony, Wm Holt, [illegible] Cordelia Lawrence, [illegible] Edward S. [illegible], Albert Lawrence and Anna B. Macomber.

Greenwich.

E. Annah Tucker, Anna Merrill, Lydia E. Drinkwater, Mary H. Weeden, Joseph H. Atwood & A. Edward Kelsey.

Swansea.

Charles A. Chace, Simeon W. Luther, Louisa Burns, Phebe S. [illegible] Henry C. [illegible], Adeline J. Chace & Susanna Gifford.

Providence.

Elizabeth A. Gifford, Elizabeth [illegible], Hannah J. Dadd, Augustine Jones, E. Herbert Briggs, Louisa A. Meader, & Robert P. Gifford.

So. Kingston.

[illegible] Babcock and Wm H. Perry, whose names being called all were found to be present except eleven, for the absence of one of whom an excuse was given.

Min. I Charles A. Chace on behalf of the representatives to this meeting informed that they had conferred together on the subject of clerks for this meeting and that the name of Thomas J. Battey was proposed for clerk and Samuel Peckham for assistant clerk, for the ensuing year; which names being separately considered were united with and they were accordingly appointed to those stations respectively.

Min. II.

The queries have all been read and considered in this meeting.

Min. III

Providence Monthly Meeting informs [illegible] us that they have appointed M. Augusta Battey [illegible] to the station of elder and that they propose

Second Month [illegible]

[illegible] member The request of Elizabeth C. Capron [illegible] Tillou J. Carolan John Elizabeth [illegible] & Willis H. [illegible] for [illegible] members of the meeting on Ministry and [illegible] for two years [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the meeting unites and [illegible] the [illegible] to give the required information relating to [illegible]

Min. IV

Nom. Com. Anna L. Manchester, G. Mason Chace, Joseph H. [illegible], E. Hannah Tucker, Charles A. Chace, Phebe [illegible] Aydelott, Thos. [illegible] Battey and [illegible] [illegible], are [illegible] a committee to nominate a superintendent of Bible Schools, two members of a [illegible] committee, and names of representatives to the Yearly Meeting on the new basis of representation, and report to our next Quar. Meet.

Min. V

[illegible] So. Kingstown Monthly Meeting report that they have paid their rate of [illegible] to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

Min. VI

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting propose the following friends for [illegible] associate members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight for two years with which action this meeting unites, viz.

Associate members Joseph L. Anthony, Anthony M. Kimber, James S. [illegible], Sophia [illegible] Peirce, Wm [illegible] Josiah Albro, Mary Sherman, Hattie Edgar, William [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Isaac [illegible] Annie Fish, Edward B. [illegible] [illegible] A [illegible], Anna B. Macomber G. Mason Chace, Edward G. Macomber,

Min. VII

Gospel m. The clerk of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight presented a report of the work done by its committee on Gospel [illegible] during the last quarter. This report gave an encouraging view of religious work done in a quiet and efficient way and we [illegible] desire to express again our cordial appreciation of the willing hearted [illegible] being rendered

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especially by our young friends

A Collection amounting to $46.11 forty six 11/100 Dollars was taken up in furtherance of the work, which is directed placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mission Committee. Collection

Minute VIII

Business having been completed, the hours of the meeting being well spent, [illegible] rejoicing that the presence of the Master has been with us in this Quarterly Gathering of the Church, we adjourn, proposing to meet at the usual time at East [illegible] in the [illegible] next, if the Lord permit.

[illegible] Talley
Clerk

Fifth Month. 1899.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a limited meeting at East Greenwich 5th mo 4th 1899.

[illegible] By the accounts present from our Monthly Meetings we learn that the representatives are as follow:

Rhode Island

Joseph S. Anthony, Henry Criswell, Isaac B. Macomber, Mary A. Grinnell, Mary W. Macomber, Anna L. Manchester

Greenwich

Anna Merrill, Mary H. Reeder, E. [illegible], Anna Mallison, Thomas J. [illegible] and Maria L. Buffington

[illegible]

Cornelia Chace, [illegible] E. Aydelott, Phebe S. Aydelott, Simeon H. Tucker, Henry C. Aydelott, Esther Chace, Phineas D. Peterson, Louisa [illegible].

Providence

[illegible] P. Reed, Mary S. Rose, [illegible] A. Mott, Thomas S. [illegible], [illegible] P. Gifford and [illegible] Jones.

Whose names being called all were found to be present except four for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was given.

[illegible] The Queries have been [illegible] in this meeting with answers from our Monthly meetings from which a summary has been prepared which with the extracts from our minutes we direct forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by the following friends whom

[illegible] we have appointed our representatives viz Isaac B. Macomber, Ezra Estes, Alice C. [illegible] E. Anna Tucker, Henry C. Aydelott, [illegible] Chace, [illegible], Esther S. Buffington, [illegible], Mary C. [illegible], Phebe S. Aydelott, Joseph H. Stanley & John S. Kimber.

[illegible] Our treasurer reports that the amount raised from this meeting has been paid to the

Treas. Rep. treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,

Dear Friends:-

The Committee which was continued at our last Quarterly Meeting in the Second Month, to take some care of the transfer of trust property and books of record from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting to Greenwich Monthly Meeting, before the dissolution of the former Meeting report:-

That they have attended to their appointment, and that the minute which the Discipline requires (page [illegible] of the edition of [illegible]) was duly made and entered on the books of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, before its dissolution, transferring the property under its direction to the superintendence of said Greenwich Monthly Meeting in due form.

Providence R.I Fifth Month [illegible].

Augustine Jones } on behalf of the Committee
Charles A. Chace

Fifth Month 1897.

Min. IV

We appoint Charles A. Chace and Charles Sisson a committee to audit and settle the treasurer's account, name a sum to be raised by this meeting the coming year and a [illegible] to raise the same [illegible] treasurer.

Min. V

The nominating committee appointed in the 3rd min. reported for representatives the names recorded in Minute II. For supt. of Bible Schools, G. Mahlon Chace, and for members of the finance committee, Robert [illegible] [illegible] and Rob. S. Cudworth who were acceptable to us and they are accordingly appointed to their respective stations. Rep. of Nom. Com

Min. VI

The following report from the committee on So. Kingstown Mo. Meeting, was presented at this time. We approve the report and endorse the action that was taken.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,

Dear Friends:–

The Committee which was continued at our last Quarterly Meeting in the Second Month, to take some care of the transfer of trust property and books of Record from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting to Greenwich Monthly Meeting before the dissolution of the former Meeting report:

That they have attended to their appointment, and that the minute which the Discipline requires (page 138 of the edition of 1887) was duly made and entered on the books of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, before its dissolution, transferring the property under its direction to the superintendence of said Greenwich Monthly Meeting in due form.

Providence R.I. Fifth Month 3d 1897.

Augustine Jones
Charles A. Chace } on behalf of the Committee.

Fifth Month 1897.

Min VII
Rep of Com on Smaller Mtgs & collection

The Clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and oversight presented a report of work done by its committee on smaller meetings during the last quarter. The report gives an interesting account of the progress being made in this good work. In accordance with the recommendation of the committee a collection was taken up amounting to $28.21 (twenty eight and $\frac{21}{100}$ dollars) which is directed placed in the hands of the treasurer of the committee.

Min VIII
changes in meetings

The following changes in holdings are reported and approved by us.

Providence Monthly Meeting to be held at Saylesville during 6th, 7th & 8th months on 1st day at 3-30 P.M.

Swansea Monthly Meeting to be held at Freetown instead of Somerset in the 5th & 9th months at the usual day and hour.

Providence Monthly Meeting reports that it has changed the time of holding Saylesville Preparative Meeting from 5th day evening to 4th day at 7-30 P.M.

Min IX

The report of the Quar. Mtgs Women's Foreign Missionary Society has been received and read at this time. The report is very encouraging and is directed placed on file among our records.

Report of Quarterly Meeting
Supt. of Bible School of R. I. Quarter

There are at present ten schools within our limits, of these I have either full or partial reports from five. viz

Anthony	membership of	60
Freetown	" "	20
[illegible]	" "	101
with a home department of		25
Somerset	membership of	112
Newport	"	61

according to latest reports. Schools have been started at Providence and Warwick during the year but no report has been sent to me. I have not heard from the schools at Saylesville East Greenwich or Portsmouth although I had fully intended to visit these before this time. As far as has come to my knowledge the work is prospering in this direction. I should be glad if some one could be found who could give more time and better service in this department of the work

Sincerely
E. M. Chace

STATISTICAL REPORT of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

From Third Month 1st, 1898, to Third Month 1st, 1899.

	STATISTICS OF MINISTERS, ELDERS AND ASSOCIATES.			STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.											STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.						
	Number of Ministers.	Number of Elders.	Number of Associate Members Including [illegible] Offices	Number of Members reported last year.	Error in last year's Report. —Gain.	Error in last year's Report. —Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present Number of Members.	Number of Children between 4 and 12.	Number of Children between 12 and 21.	Number Attending School.	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	Number between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	Number attending College.	Number attending Colleges controlled by Friends.
R. I. Monthly Mtg.	9	2	25	231			0	1	2		4	0	4		235	16	17	25+	3	3	0	0
Greenwich "	5	7		45			1	3		5	10		3 59		107	9	6	12	0	0	1	0
Swansea "	5	9	16	348		1	3	4	2		13	4	9		357	45	36	59	2.	1	1	0
Providence "	3	10	7	232	0	0	3	3	7	0	3	0	10		242	19	23	35	9	6	3	1
So Kingston "				60						1				1	(59)							
Totals.	22	28	48	916		1	7	11	11	7	30	4	26	1	441	89	82	131	14	10	5	1

NAMES OF ELDERS. (Deceased.)			
Susan H. Almy	1st mo. 13, 1899	85th year	R. I. Mo Mtg.
Harriet A. Shove	6 mo 11th 1898	86th year	Greenwich "
Joanna Peck	2nd mo. 1st 1899	74 yrs 4 mo. 18 days	"
Sarah J. Macomber	6 mo 4th 1898	67 years	Swansea "

Note. Harry Hays, recorded a minister after the statistical report was closed last year has removed from our limits.

NOTE.– This Blank applies to Preparative, Monthly, and Quarterly Meetings.

Fifth Month, 1899.

Min X The following statistical information for the year ending 3 mo. 1st 1899 has been received from our monthly meetings and is directed to be forwarded to our Yearly Meeting.

Min. XI The clerk is authorized to sign on our behalf an endorsement of this meeting to a minute granted James M. Estes by Rhode Island Monthly Meeting for Gospel service in N. York Yearly Meeting. J. M. Estes Endorsement

Fifth Month, 1899.

Min XII Greenwich Monthly Meeting reports the appointment for two years as associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and oversight of the following named friends, with which appointment this meeting unites, and directs the clerk to give the required information. —

Associate members in Greenwich meeting. Geo. E. Alexander, Thomas Ingram, Wm Ingram, Byron E. Salisbury, Phebe Alexander, Sarah Ann Ingram, Alice Ann Taylor, Alice E. Earle, Annie L. Buffington and Eva Mathews of Greenwich Mo. Meeting. Anna Bennett, Lydia E. Drinkwater, John Babcock, Mary P. Babcock, Mary Anna Gould & Elvira M. Perry of East Greenwich Prep. Meeting.

Min XIII The Committee appointed in the 1 mo. last on the subject of a tent reported that they have received sufficient funds to properly repair the same and put it on the premises, and that it is now the property of the Gospel Committee of this Quarterly Meeting, with which report this meeting expresses its satisfaction.

Tent

Concluding minute. And now having been favored to transact har the business coming before us, we adjourn, proposing to meet at Newport at the usual time in the 8th mo. next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1899

Answers to the Queries summary

Ans. I Our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except in a few instances mostly in cases of severe storms. Those on 1st day mornings are well attended, but the other meetings are small. The hour nearly observed.

Ans. II Love and unity generally maintained. Detraction not wholly guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are made to end them.

Ans. III With some exceptions Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor to comply with the discipline in regard to their children.

Ans. IV While many Friends are diligent in the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, and encourage their children and others therein, we fear others are too remiss in this important duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry maintained with little exception.

Ans. V Not wholly clear in the use of intoxicants; some care taken. With few exceptions Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character and to use moderation in all things.

Ans. VI. The circumstances of the poor are attended to and care is taken in the education of children.

Ans. VII With one exception we believe Friends maintain our testimony against bearing arms and the [illegible] [illegible] clear from the [illegible] of the [illegible] of the query.

Ans. VIII With few exceptions Friends frequently inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are just in the payment of their debts and endeavor to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. X. Records attended to. Not quite clear as to removals without certificates.

Answers to Queries 18[illegible]

Ans. X Efforts are made to administer the discipline in christian love, seasonably and impartially.

Ans to Y.M. To the Yearly Meeting of New England next to be held in Portland, Maine, in the 6th mo. 1899.

Dear Friends.

Min I The Queries have all been read in this meeting with answers thereto from all our monthly meetings from which the accompanying summary has been adopted for your information, which, together with other extracts from our minutes we direct forwarded to your meeting. We have appointed the following Friends our representatives. viz. Isaac B. Macomber, Exie Estes, Alice C. Earle, E. Annah Tucker, Henry C. Aydelott, Annie T. Chace, Charles [illegible], Ellen R. Buffum, Augustine Jones, Obadiah Chace, Mary E. Kimber, John S Kimber, Joseph H. Atwater, Phebe S. Aydelott.

Min II Our treasurer informs us that our quota of stock called for last year has been paid to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Min III The several matters of statistical information required are herewith forwarded on blanks furnished for that purpose.

Min IV Our quota of the several official documents from the last Yearly Meeting to this and our several Mo. Meetings has been received apportioned and forwarded to the same respectively.

Min V We report the following changes in the holding of meetings

Providence Monthly Meeting to be held at Saylesville in the 6th 7th & 8th mos. of 1899 on 7th day at 3-30 P. M.

[illegible] Saylesville Prep. Meeting changed from 7 P.M. on 5th day to the same hour on 4th day.

Swansea Mo. Meeting changed to Freetown instead of Somerset in the 5th & 7th mos. on the same day and hour as heretofore.

Eighth Month, 1899.

Min VI We have during the year laid down South Kingston Monthly Meeting and transferred its members to Greenwich Monthly Meeting. The provisions of the discipline relating to records & meeting property were properly complied with.

Min. VII We have united with Swansea Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Simeon W. Luther to the station of elder, and likewise with Providence Mo. Meeting in their appointment of Mary Augusta Battey to the same station.

Min. VIII We have appointed [illegible] as Quarterly Meeting superintendent of Bible Schools and Albert R. Gifford and Phebe S. Aydelott members of the finance committee for the ensuing year.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Eighth Month 1899

1 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a United Meeting at Newport R.I. 8th mo 3rd 1899

2 By the accounts from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are as follows
- From Rhode Island – Mary E. Hinckley ~~Emma Hol~~man James B Fredson Joseph Macomber and Anthony M Humber
- Greenwich – Anna Merrill Mary H. Madden E Anna Tucker Thomas J Ingraham Geo E Mattley Alice C Earle Martha Potts and Anna Taylor
- Swansea – Samuel Chace Esther Chace Harriet A. Estes Herbert A. Skinner Phinehas D. Fletcher and Phebe S. Aydelott
- Providence – Ellen K. Buffum Susan Peckham Thos Y Jackson Robt B Hanson and Robt P Gifford

whose names being called were present except one

3 – Our dear friend Richard H. Thomas acceptably attended this Meeting with a Minute of Unity from Baltimore Monthly Meeting for the Eastern and

8th mo 1899 Continued

Western District. His Gospel Service was welcomed as a token of Divine favor and the Clerk is directed to sign and furnish him a copy of this Minute

3½ — Our dear aged friend Nathan Douglass acceptably attended this Meeting in the service of Gospel love and Assurance of faith in Christ. The Clerk is directed to reply in the usual way to his Minute of Unity from Durham Monthly Meeting State of Maine

4 — The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report attendance except two

5 — The Queries have been read and Considered in this Meeting.

6 — The following Minute from the Clerk of our Late Yearly Meeting has been rec'd and Read; the Clerk is directed to give the requisite information to our several Monthly Meetings.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in Portland, Maine, Sixth Month 9th to 14th, 1899

It was concluded to raise for the use of the meeting the present year the sum of two thousand dollars. Our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of said sum to our treasurer, Joseph D. Wood, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass. One half to be paid on or before the first of Eleventh Month and the remainder on or before the first of Fifth Month next. The quota of your meeting at 22 1/4 % is $445.00

Attention of Monthly Meetings is called to minute 37, page 44 on claims of the American Friend; also as usual to the "Plan for Christian Giving", page 58 of printed minutes.

From the minutes of the meeting aforesaid.

John Ellwood Paige Clerk

7 — The Committee appointed in 5th mo last to audit and settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes presented the following report — viz — We have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct with vouchers and balance on hand $5.00. We propose the sum of five Hundred (500) dollars to be raised for the ensuing year and propose the name of Robt P. Gifford for Treasurer

Signed Charles A Chace and Charles Sisson Committee. This Meeting approves the report and Robt P. Gifford is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of the $500.00 called for one half by the 1st of 11th mo next and the balance by the first of 5th mo 1900.

8 — We approve the minute of Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favor of H. Edward Kelsey in his prospect of attending in Gospel love the next Western Yearly Meeting of Friends and the Clerk is directed to endorse the same in accordance with this Minute.

9 — — We unite with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in recording as Ministers of the Gospel our dear young friends Thomas J. Ingram and William J. Hayes.

10 — — The Clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight presented the report of the Committee in aid to smaller Meetings and with other encouragement expressed for the work a collection of offerings in money resulted in the sum of $39.00 and this Meeting appropriates the sum of sixty (60) dollars for the use of the same Committee to be paid when the state of the Treasury will permit.

11 — With Gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His abounding Grace manifested to us today, we conclude, proposing to meet in Fall River at the usual time in 11th month next.

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Eleventh Month 1899.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a united meeting in Fall River, 11th mo. 2nd 1899.

Min 1 By the accounts present from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives appointed are from

Rhode Island

Edward B. Hoxie, Lillian J. Hadley, Anna A. Chadwick, Joseph F. Anthony, Cyril Estes, Mary H. Macomber, Charles J. Tallman, Mary C. Kimber.

Greenwich.

George C. Mosley, Joseph H. Atwater, Ellen M. Atwater.

Swansea.

Phebe S. Aydelott, Adaline F. Chase, Phineas L. Wilcox, Emma Chase, Robert A. Lawton, Eliza A. Gibson, [illegible]

Providence.

Elizabeth A. Gifford, Susan Peckham, Albert P. Gifford, Thomas S. Jackson, Augustine Jones, Louisa T. Meader.

Whose names being called were all found present except one.

Min 2 The Queries and accompanying advices have been read and considered in this meeting.

Min 3 Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in appointing the following Friends to the station of elders, viz. John Babcock, Mary P. Babcock, Mary Anna Gould, and Elva M. Perry. This meeting concurs with their action and directs the clerk to give the requisite information accordingly.

Min 4. The Clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight presented a report from the Committee on Smaller Meetings reviewing the work done during the last three months and presenting a report from the Treasurer by which it appears that a balance of ($13.) Thirteen dollars remains in the treasury. A collection amounting to ($36.25) Thirty six $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars was taken up and directed paid to the treasurer of said Committee.

The London General Epistle having Min 1 come to hand at this time a copy of it was read, we trust, to our instruction and edification. Its reading elicited pertinent remarks from several Friends.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father Min. VI for the privilege granted us to-day to mingle in religious fellowship and transact the business of the Church harmoniously we adjourn proposing to meet at [illegible] at the usual time in the 2nd mo. next if the Lord will.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Second Mo 1st 1900

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in a [illegible] meeting in Providence 2 mo 1st 1900.

By the accounts present from the Monthly Meetings except Newport the representatives are from

Rhode Island

[illegible]

Anna Merrill, Lydia E. Drinkwater, Mary W. Weeden, E. Anna Tucker, George E. Mattley, Joseph H. Atwater Ellen M. Atwater

Swansea.

Herbert A. Skinner, Lucia E. Jones, Ralph [illegible], [illegible], Martha E. [illegible], E. Anna Earle, Thomas D. Fletcher, Mary K. Talcott

Providence

Elizabeth [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Archibald G. Renfrew Valentine E. Meader, and Robert B. Hanson, whose names being called were all found to be present Except for the absence of several of whom reasons were given.

Min I Robert B. Hanson on behalf of the representatives reported the name of Thomas J. Battey for clerk and [illegible] for assistant clerk, which being separately considered was united with and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for one year.

Min II The Queries have all been [illegible] considered [illegible].

Min III Providence Monthly Meeting reports that they have united in acknowledging the gift in the ministry of Thomas [illegible]. After due consideration this meeting concurred in their action and the clerk is directed to give the required information relating thereto.

Min IV Swansea Monthly Meeting reports that they have appointed [illegible] H. Chace to the station of elder, with which action

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This meeting concurs [illegible] the new information given.

James Estes, Josephine W. Kimber, Lydia E. Drinkwater, E. Howard Tucker, Charles Estes, Lemuel Chace, James H. Chace, Hannah P. Ladd, are appointed a committee to nominate a superintendent of Bible Schools, two members of a finance committee and representatives to the ensuing Yearly Meeting at Newport on the new basis of representation, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting. Min v

The clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel being absent, [illegible] presented a report of the work done under the direction of its committee on meetings during the last quarter.

The report showed that the work was still going on in an encouraging manner. One new Christian Endeavor Soc. had been organized and increasing interest shown in other ways. It was thought best to take up a collection in furtherance of this work which amounted to $29. and being directed paid to the treasurer of that committee.

Much earnest feeling was shown to have the work [illegible] and of [illegible] our closed meeting houses.

And we having concluded the business coming before us harmoniously, are deeply thankful for the helpful ministry vouchsafed us and the earnest serious interest manifested by our members. [illegible] we adjourn, purposing to meet at the usual time at East Greenwich, in the 5th mo. next, if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Batley
Clerk.

Fifth Month, 1900.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a united meeting at East Greenwich 5 mo. 3. 1900.

Min. I By the accounts present from all our Monthly Meetings we learn that the representatives are from

Rhode Island

Edward K. Faulkner, Isaac L. Fish, Mary B. Macomber, Cornelia A. Baker, Fred. W. Holm— and Angie L. Knull.

Greenwich

Representatives from Mo. Mtgs. Mercy Ann Tripp, Joseph H. Atwater, Cora G. Buffington, Ellen M. Atwater, E. Annah Tucker, Mary W. Weeden, Anna Merritt, and Lydia E. Drinkwater.

Swansea

Obadiah Chace, Charles A. Chace, Mary A. Gage, Luella E. Jones, Phebe S. Aydelott, Phineas D. [illegible], Robert A. Lawton.

Providence

Mary S. Glasse, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Robert S. Gifford, Robert B. Hanson, Louisa A. Weeden, and William L. Bates. whose names being called all were found to be present except nine.

Min. II The Queries have all been read in this meeting with answers from our several Monthly Meetings from which a summary has been prepared which with other extracts from our minutes we direct forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by the following

Queries & Repts to Y.M. Friends whom we have appointed our representatives Viz. Susan Peckham, Louisa A. Weeden, Charles Tucker, Robert S. Gifford, Joseph H. Atwater, Alice E. Earle, E. Annah Tucker, Obadiah Chace, Henry C. Aydelott, Phebe S. Aydelott, Adelaide J. Chace, Isaac B. Macomber, Josephine A. Kimber, John S. Kimber.

Min. III Stock Our treasurer is directed to pay the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the balance of stock called for in the 5th mo. last.

Min. IV Auditors &c. We appoint Charles A. Chace and [illegible] a Committee to audit and settle the treasurer's account, name a sum to be raised by the meeting the ensuing year, and a person to serve the same as

To R. I. Quarterly meeting
of Friends -

Dear friends

Reports from the six auxiliaries belonging to R. I. Quarterly meeting, for the year ending 8 mo 31st 1900, show a membership of 122 - with 27 honorary members and 4 life members. These auxiliaries are located at Fall River Mass. ~~Anthony R. I.~~ Swansea Mass. Providence R. I. Anthony R. I.

Newport R.I., and
Portsmouth R.I.
They all report meetings
regularly held, and
opened by Scripture reading
and prayer, in some
followed by the reading
of interesting books, tracts
and other missionary
~~literature~~ articles.
22 public meetings have
been held.
Financial help has been
continued by our auxiliaries
to Ramallah and the

orth American Indians,
with the exception of some
aid in the Jewish work;
no funds have been used
r home mission work.
Amount of money raised
during the year $598.37 –
Spent for current expenses
and materials $54.85 –
this was raised by member-
ship fees, collections at
ublic meetings, Sabbath
orning and Sabbath school
collections Thank offering
boxes, self denial, donations,
Childrens bands (one of these

made and sold lamp lighters), making and selling quilts and aprons, free-will offerings, and our law party.

The Juvenile, systematic giving and literature departments are organized in three auxiliaries, one auxiliary reports work in two of these departments, and one in one department.

Two auxiliaries report increased interest this year - some auxiliaries report having sent

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treasurer and report in the 8th mo. next

The nominating committee appointed in the 2nd month reported for representatives the names recorded in Minute II above. for Superintendent of Bible Schools S. Mahlon Chace and for members of the finance committee Robert P. Gifford and Phebe S. Aydelott. The report is acceptable and the Friends named are severally appointed to their respective stations. Min V Report of Nom. Com.

The clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and oversight presented a report of work done by its Committee on [illegible] Meetings during the past quarter showing a continuance of the work in their charge with encouraging results, and a balance in the treasury of $10.52. It was thought advisable to take up a collection in furtherance of the service, which amounted to ($30.37) Thirty and $\frac{37}{10}$ Dollars. Min VI Report on [illegible] Meetings

This meeting approves of the proposed change in holding Providence Monthly Meeting at Gainesville during 6th 7th & 8th mos. of 1900 and at Providence the remainder of the year; the hour being unchanged. Min. VII Change in M. Mtg.

Owing to the absence from home of the Vice President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society no report was received at this time but the clerk is directed to place upon the records her report when received. Min VIII Report of W. F. M. S.

useful articles to both
Mission Stations at
Christmas
Number of women reported
over eighteen years of age
is 512.

Mary E. Kimber
Vice Pres. W. F. M. S. for
R. I. Quarterly meeting.

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Min IX New Meeting — Swansea Monthly Meeting reports that they have established a meeting for worship at Friends Meeting house on Stafford Road, Fall River. This meeting records its interest in and thankfulness for the aforesaid information, indicating as it does an encouraging progress in the work of the church.

Min X Statistics (See margin) — The following statistical information for the year ending 3 mo. 1st 1900 has been received from our monthly meetings and directed to be forwarded to the yearly meeting.

Min XI Conclusion — And now having finished the business coming before us in much harmony, and with a feeling of thankfulness for the renewed interest manifested in the work of the church we conclude, proposing to meet at Newport at the usual time in the 8th mo next, if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Summary of Answers to the Queries.

Ans. I — All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held except three for worship and one for discipline, and a few evening services which were omitted owing to severity of weather. Those on First day morning well attended, but the other meetings small. The hour nearly observed.

Ans. II — Love and unity are maintained with little exception. Careful as to detraction. When differences arise endeavors are made to end them.

Ans III — With a few exceptions our members appear to be careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train their children in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans IV — While many Friends are diligent in the daily reading of the Scriptures, and encourage their children so to do, Nevertheless we fear some neglect this important duty. Not quite clear as to our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

STATISTICAL REPORT of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

From Third Month 1st, 1897, to Third Month 1st, ~~189~~ 1900.

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R.I. Mo. Meeting	7	2	28†	235	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	2		2	233	19	20	26	7	7	1	1
Greenwich " "	6	12	18	108	0	0	0	2	1	2	8	1	4		112	10	6	9	1	3	0	0
Swansea " "	5	10	16	357	0	0	4	6	0	0	21	4	15		372	40	38	65	2	1	2	0
Providence " "	4	9	6	242	0	0	2	7	0	1	4	0		2	240	13	23	31	10	8	3	1
Totals	22	33	65	942	0	1	6	17	1	3	36	7	29	4	957	82	87	132	20	19	6	2

NAMES OF MINISTERS. (DECEASED.)	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE IN YEARS. Or in what year of his age.	MONTHLY MEETINGS TO WHICH THEY BELONGED.
NAMES OF ELDERS. (Deceased.)			

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careful to avoid amusements and diversions
inconsistent with a Christian Character
and, to be moderate in all things.

The circumstances of the poor are attended Ans VI
to and care is taken in the education of
children.

Not quite clear in regard to Military Ans VII
matters. We know of no violation of our
discipline in the matter of oaths, or in defrauding the public
revenue.

With a few exceptions we believe due Ans VIII
care in all business transactions is observed
as queried after and that Friends are
careful to live within the bounds of their
circumstances.

Recording is attended to. Some removals Ans. IX
without certificates which are under notice.

With some exception the discipline
is administered in Christian tenderness Ans. X
timely and impartially.

Thomas L. Battey Clerk.

Minute to the Yearly Meeting

To the Yearly Meeting for New England next
to be held in Newport in the sixth month.
Dear Friends,

The Queries have all been read Min 1
in this meeting with answers thereto from all
our monthly meetings from which the
accompanying summary has been prepared for
your information which together with other extracts
from our minutes we direct forwarded to your
meeting. We have appointed the
following Friends our representatives, viz
Susan Peckham, Louisa A. Meader, Charles
Sisson, Robert P. Gifford, Joseph H. Atwater, Alice
C. Earle, E. Annah Tucker, Obadiah Chace,
Henry C. Aydelott, Phebe S. Aydelott, Adeline J.
Chace, Isaac B. Macomber, Josephine W. Kimber,
John S. Kimber.

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Min ii We have directed our treasurer to pay yours the balance of stock called for in the 8th mo. last.

Min iii The several matters of statistical information required are herewith forwarded on blanks furnished for the purpose.

Min iv Our quota of the several official documents from the last Yearly Meeting to this and our Monthly Meetings have been received apportioned and forwarded to the same respectively.

Min v We have approved the action of Providence Monthly Meeting in its decision to hold its sessions at Saylesville in the 6th 7, & 8th mos. of 1900, and at Prov. the remainder of the year, day and hour unchanged.

Min vi We have received information that Swansea Monthly Meeting has established a new meeting for worship at Friends Meeting House on Stafford Road Fall River.

Min vii We have during the year united with our Monthly Meetings in recording three of our members as ministers of the gospel, viz. Thomas J. Ingram, William J. Sayer and Thomas C. Jackson also in appointing Wm. Babcock, Mary F. Babcock, Mary [illegible] Gould, Elvira M. Perry, and Nancy A. H. Chace to the station of elder.

Min viii We have appointed [illegible] Chace Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible School, and [illegible] and Phebe S. Aydelott members of the finance committee for the ensuing year.

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a united meeting at Newport 8 mo. 2, 1900.

By the accounts from our several monthly meetings it appears that the representatives to this are as follows — Min I

Rhode Island

Joseph E. Macomber, Anthony M. Smith
Mary W. Macomber, Mabel Hoffman
Joshua M. Brownell

Greenwich

Alice C. Earle, Anna Merrill E. Annah
Tucker, Byron O. Salisbury, Joseph H. Atwater
Ellen M. Atwater, Mary W. Weeden.

Swansea

Obadiah Chace, Herbert Skinner Henry
C. Hydelott, Thomas Briggs, William & Jo
Josephine Mitchell, Elizabeth S. Newton
Mary R. Talbot.

Providence

Asenath [illegible] Susan Peckham Willi
H. White, Jane Walker, Thomas Y. Jackson.
who were all present except five.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended. Min II

The Queries have been read and considered in this meeting. Min III

The following minute from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting has been received and read and the clerk is directed to give the requisite information to the several monthly meetings. Min IV

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting;--

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Newport, R. I. Sixth Month, 1900, it was concluded to raise for the use of the meeting the present year the sum of $2200.00. Our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of said sum to our Treasurer, Joseph D. Wood, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass., one hal on or before the first of Eleventh Month and the remainder on or before the first of Fifth Month. The proportion of your meeting at 22¼% is $489.50

On behalf of the Meeting,

John Ellwood Paige Clerk.

Lynn, Mass. Seventh Month 7th, 1900

Eighth Month 1900.

Min. V The committee appointed in 5th mo last to audit and settle the Treasurers account and for other purposes presented the following report, viz

Providence 8mo 31st 1900.

To the Quarterly Meeting at Newport R.I.

Treas. Report We have examined the Treasurers report and find the same correct with balance in his hands of ten dollars ($10.).

We recommend that the sum of five hundred Dollars be raised in the usual apportionment from the Monthly Meetings for the ensuing year and propose that Robert P. Gifford be appointed to serve the meeting as treasurer.

Charles Sisson
Charles A. Chace } Committee

This meeting approves the report and Robert P. Gifford is accordingly appointed treasurer

Treasurer and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportion of the $500 called for, one half by the first of 11th mo. 1900 and the remainder by the first of 5th mo 1901.

Min. VI The clerk of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight presented a report of the condition of meetings under the care of their committee during the last quarter. Although the results brought out by this review may not seem striking yet we believe there is a quiet and efficient work going on which will in time lead to larger [illegible].

A collection was taken up in further aid of the work amounting to $20.10 [illegible]

Min. VII Our dear friend Charles H. Holder, a recorded minister of the gospel from Westfield Monthly Meeting Ind. attended this meeting.

His company and ministry have called out many testimonies to the helpfulness of his service among us at this time, and the clerk is authorized to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Min. VIII This meeting endorses the action of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in liberating Delia Rees for service in Wilmington Western and Indiana Yearly Meetings as set forth in a minute from that Mo. Meeting

Eighth Month, 1900.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting reports that they are united in recognizing and recording the gift in the ministry of Byron D. Salisbury. Min IX

Byron D. Salisbury united

After a season of serious consideration and prayer, this meeting sees its way clear to unite with the action of Greenwich Mo. Meeting in acknowledging the gift of our dear young brother, and directs that the required official notices be given accordingly.

Information having come to this meeting that Byron D. Salisbury, whose gift in the ministry has just been recorded, had for sometime felt a call to missionary service in India, a weighty concern arose among us that this meeting should assume the responsibility through the voluntary contributions of its members of maintaining him there for one year. For this purpose the sum of five hundred dollars $500 was estimated to be necessary, and as more than a quarter of that sum was almost immediately pledged by some who were present, the meeting concluded to accept the responsibility of his support, it being understood that he is to place himself under the direction of **Friends** Foreign Mission Society of Ohio Yearly Meeting. For the reception of funds and the arrangement of details we appoint John S. Kimber, Phebe S. Aydelott and Robert P. Gifford, a committee to have entire charge of the subject and make a report of what they have done at each succeeding Quarterly Meeting. Min X

B. D. Salisbury to India [illegible]

And now having concluded the business coming before us at this time in much harmony we adjourn, proposing to meet at Fall River in the 11 mo. next if the Lord permit. Min XI

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Eleventh Month 1900.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a united meeting 11th mo. 1st 1900.

By the accounts present from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives are from Rhode Island

Joseph E. Macomber, Mabel M. Hoffman, John S. Kimber, Laura A. Criswell, Osborne J. Hoffman, Erie Estes.

Greenwich

Alice C. Earle, Anna Merrill, Geo. E. Motley, C. Annah Tucker, Ellen M. Atwater, Mary Ann Taylor, Joseph H. Atwater.

Swansea

Hezekiah Chace, Thomas D. Fletcher, Henry L. Aydelott, Nancy H. Chace, [illegible] Sarah E. Skinner, Esther M. Davis, Charles Estes, Rachel A. Skinner,

Providence

Augustine Jones, Sarah J. Hansen, Mary S. Grime, Louisa A. Meader, Robert S. Gifford, Charles Sisson. who are all present except three.

Min. 1 Queries — The Queries have all been read and considered in this meeting.

Min. II W. & S. T. Thompson — Our dear friends William and Susan T. Thompson attended this meeting and presented a minute duly accrediting them as ministers of the gospel from New Bedford Mo. Meeting. Their company and services have been very acceptable to us and the clerk is authorised to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Min III Alice C. Earle — Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in recognizing the gift and public appearance in the ministry of Alice C. Earle. After duly considering the action full unity was expressed therewith.

Min IV T. J. Battey — This meeting likewise unites with the action of Providence Monthly Meeting in recording Thomas J. Battey as a minister and directs that the usual information be given in both cases.

Min V Esther M. Davis — We have united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in their appointment of Esther M. Davis as [illegible] member of the Meeting on Min. and Oversight.

Eleventh Month, 1900.

The Clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight presented her Quarterly Statement of the work of the Committee on Smaller Meetings. Min VI Report on Smaller Mtgs

One new member was reported from one meeting [illegible] and renewed activity from others. The report advised taking a collection in further aid of the work. This was done and $31 [illegible] was added to the fund available for carrying out the objects sought by the Committee.

The committee to which was referred the missionary concern of Byron C. Salisbury reported that the Missionary Board of Ohio Yearly Meeting had decided to wait at least a year before sending him to the field and that he is now in the Bible Training School at Cleveland. Min VII B.C. Salisbury

The case is continued in the care of the committee for another three months and they are authorized to receive and hold in trust such funds as may be contributed for his use.

Having now concluded the business of the session in harmony and grateful for the unifying [illegible] we have been favored with, we adjourn proposing to meet again in the 2nd month next if the Lord permit. Min VIII Adjourn.

Thomas J. Gulley
Clerk

Second Month 1901.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in a adjourned meeting in Providence 2nd mo. of 1901.

By the accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are found to be from

Rhode Island

Evie Estes Richard Macomber, Mabel Hoffman Osborn Hoffman Anna [illegible] Macomber, Anna L. Macomber Deborah C. Child Anna Knott.

Greenwich.

E. Annah Tucker, Joseph H. Atwater, Ellen M. Atwater, Henry D. Tucker, Moses L. Buffinton Carrie G. Buffinton, Anna Merrill, Lydia E.

Min I Representatives

Smith Mary W. Harden Ellen Lockwood.

Swansea.

Charles Chace Lois [illegible] Hambly Charles E. Lee, Thomas L. Fletcher Esther Chace Adeline [illegible] Chace Emma B. Buffinton Martha Pugh, Simeon H. Luther.

Providence

Augusta Butler, Sarah [illegible] Hausen, Augustine Jones Charles Sisson, Charles R. Jacob.

whose names having been called all were found to be present except eight, for the absence of three of whom reasons were assigned

Min II Clerk. Charles Chace on behalf of the representatives reported the name of Thomas J. Battey for clerk, and Susan Ketcham for assistant clerk which being considered were united with and they were accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for one year

Min. III Queries The queries have all been read and considered at this meeting.

Min. IV Associate members. Providence Monthly Meeting reports that they have appointed Elizabeth C. Capron, Asenath Tilton S. Caroline Tobey, Elizabeth A. Gifford Abbie H. Corey Hattie A. White associate members of the meeting on Ministry and oversight for two years.

Swansea Monthly Meeting reports the appointment of Luella C. Jones to the same station.

This meeting approves these appointments and directs the customary notices given.

Min V Nom. Committee John Shober Kimber, Mary H. Macomber E. Annah Tucker, Joseph H. Atwater, Henry

Second Month, 1901.

[illegible] Lyddleton, Ralph Earle, Robert P. Gifford and [illegible] Dawson are appointed to nominate a superintendent of Bible Schools, two members of the finance committee and representatives to the ensuing Yearly Meeting at Portland on the new basis of representation and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

In the absence of the clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and oversight, Charles Chace and Frank E. Jones presented a report of the work done under the care of the committee for smaller meetings. The report indicates that the work has continued with encouraging results and the committee advises taking a collection at this time in furtherance of the same.

Report of Committee [illegible]

This was done and $43.30, [illegible] Dollars were received.

And now having concluded the business coming before us in the unity of Christian fellowship, [illegible] and thankful for the earnest spirit manifested and the helpful counsel given we conclude, proposing to meet at East Greenwich at the usual time in the fifth month next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1901.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held as a joint meeting 5 mo 2, 1901.

By the accounts from our several
Monthly Meetings we learn that the represen-
Min I tatives to this are from

Rhode Island

Representatives Osborn Hoffman Deborah Chace Cordelia
Lawrence Louisa L. Fish, Lucie Stoddard Lydia
Rees and Richard R. Macomber.

Greenwich.

Lydia E. Drinkwater, E. Annah Tucker, Sarah
M. Carpenter Caroline G. Buffington, Ellen M. Atwater,
Joseph H. Atwater Moses L. Buffington Mary Ann
Taylor and Christopher A. Shippee.

Swansea

Obadiah Chace, Simeon W. Luther Henry B. Aydelott,
Frank E. Jones Esther Chace, Rachel Chace
Phebe S. Aydelott, & Flora Read.

Providence

Elizabeth A Gifford Willis H White Louisa
A. Gould Thomas J Ingraham Susan Peckham
and Robert B. Hanson,
whose names being called all were found
to be present except seven. For one of these
a reason was assigned for absence.

The Queries have all been read in this
Min II meeting and a summary of answers
Queries adopted which with other extracts from our
[illegible] minutes we direct forwarded to the Yearly
Yearly Mtg Meeting next to be held in Portland by the
following named Friends whom we have appointed
our Representatives,

Eva Estes, Obadiah Chace Osborn J. Hoffman,
Joseph H. Atwater E. Annah Tucker Henry
B. Aydelott Charles A Chace Charles Sisson
Elizabeth A Gifford Phebe S Aydelott Susan Peckham
Emily S. White, Ellen M. Atwater, Anna L. Manchester
& Mabel M. Hoffman.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Treasurer
Min III of the Yearly Meeting the balance of Stock
Stock called for in the 6th mo last.

Min IV We appoint Charles Sisson and Augustine
Aud. Com. Jones to audit and settle the Treasurers

STATISTICAL REPORT of Rhod Island Quarterly Meeting.

From Third Month 1st, 1900, to Third Month 1st, 1901.

	STATISTICS OF MINISTERS, ELDERS AND ASSOCIATES.				STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.												STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.						
Name of Mo. Meeting	Number of Meetings.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Elders.	Number of Associate Members.	Number of members reported last year.	Error in last year's Report. —Gain.	Error in last year's Report. —Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of members.	Number of Children between 4 and 12.	Number of Children between 12 and 21.	Number attending school.	Number attending School taught or controlled by friends.	Number between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by friends.	Number attending College.	Number attending Colleges controlled by Friends.
R.I.	2	8	3	9	233			2	8	2		13	3	6		239	23	18	26	4	4	1	1
Green.	3	5	11	3	104			1	1		4	5	2		1	103	8	9	15	4	4		
Swan.	4	6	10	17	372			3	11			36	1	27		399	49	41	66	3	2		
Prov.	2	6	7	6	240			3	5	3	1	0	1		1	239	16	22	24	7	6	5	1
Total	11	25	31	35	944			7	25	5	5	54	7	33	2	980	96	90	131	18	11	6	2

NAMES OF MINISTERS. (Deceased).	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE IN YEARS Or in what year of his age.	MONTHLY MEETINGS TO WHICH THEY BELONGED.
NAMES OF ELDERS. (Deceased.)			
Mary H. Sutton	4 mo 4 1900	76th	Providence
John H. Meader	11 mo 3 1900	83	"

NOTE.—This *Blank* applies to preparative, Monthly, and Quarterly Meetings.

(The report from the Quarterly Meeting, properly filled out, should be sent to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, on or before the 1st day of the Sixth Month.)

Fifth Month 1901

Account, name a sum to be raised by this meeting the ensuing year; also a person to serve the same as treasurer, and report in the 8th mo. next.

The nominating committee appointed in the 2nd mo. last reported for appointment the names recorded in Minute II above for Superintendent of Bible Schools G. [illegible] [illegible]; and for members of the finance Committee [illegible] [illegible] and Robert [illegible] Gifford. The report is acceptable and the Friends named are severally appointed to their respective stations

Min V
Reports Nom.
Com.

The clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight presented an account of work done by its committee on smaller meetings during the past quarter. The report indicated that efforts had been continued in the various fields as heretofore, and also in taking up a collection for helping in and extending the work. This was done and twenty [illegible] Dollars [illegible] was contributed for the purpose.

Min VI
Report on
small Mtgs

[illegible] Monthly Meeting proposes to hold its sessions at Salesville during the 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th mos. of the ensuing year at the usual day and hour, the remainder of the year as heretofore.

Min VII
Change in
meetings.

Greenwich Monthly Monthly Meeting proposes to change the hour of its sessions to 2.30 instead of 3. P.M. as heretofore. Both these changes meet our approval.

The accompanying statistical information for the year ending 3 mo 1st 1901 has been received from our Monthly Meetings and is directed to be sent to our Yearly Meeting. (see inserted leaf).

We unite with Greenwich Monthly in its appointment of the following Friends as associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for two years. viz. Mercy Anna Taylor, Eva Mattley, Lydia E. [illegible], Mary C. [illegible], Mary C. [illegible], Anna [illegible], Henry L. [illegible], Robert [illegible] and Christopher A. Shipper.

Min VIII
Associate
members

An interesting and encouraging report from the [illegible] Vice President of the W. F. M. Society and is directed placed on file among our minutes.

Min IX
[illegible]
Report

Fifth Month 1901.

Min's Conclusion

And now having concluded the business coming before us in much harmony we adjourn, proposing to meet in Newport, at the usual time in the 8th mo next, if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Summary of Answers.

Ans. I

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except six. Those on First day mornings are well attended but the other meetings are small.

The hour is nearly observed.

Ans. II

Love and unity mostly maintained, the detraction is not fully guarded against. No outward differences among us.

Ans. III

With few exceptions Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. And those who have children and others under their care endeavor by example and precept to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans. IV

While many Friends are diligent in the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures and encourage others therein, we fear some are remiss in this important duty.

Not quite clear in respect to a free gospel ministry

Ans. V

Seven Friends are addicted to the use of intoxicants as a beverage, but care is being taken in the matter.

Most Friends are careful to avoid amusements of a doubtful character.

Ans. VI

The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and care taken in the education of children.

Ans. VII

We believe our testimony against bearing arms, and other Military matters, against oaths and defrauding the public revenue is maintained.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,

Dear Friends:– We herewith render a Report of information from our Auxiliaries. All have held their meetings regularly each month during the past year, all report opening their meetings with prayer and Scripture reading; this in most auxiliaries is followed by the reports of the officers & departments, the reading of some interesting book on missions by one of the members while others sew for the benefit of the society. One Aux. uses the uniform lesson and at one a light tea is always served to which the men of the meeting are invited & all remain to a meeting in the evening for which a simple missionary programme is prepared.

In comparing both our membership and financial reports with those of last year we regret to find a loss in both, in our old societies. This year they report a membership of 113,– a loss since last year of 9; but a new Aux. having been formed our total membership is 124. The financial report of the old societies this year is $555.33 a loss of $43.04 but with the new society added the total is $568.67.

There is a bright side to our report in the increasing number of *Honorary* members as we now have 36, a gain of 9. And of *Life* members of whom there are 10 this year a gain of 6. Twenty seven public meetings have been held; we are glad to report the organization of a vigorous new Auxiliary at Stafford Road with a membership of 11, making in all 7 aux's in our Quarterly meeting. Most of our aux's carry on the department work called for by our Constitution.

The money for our work is raised by membership fees, Thank offering boxes, Free Will offerings & contributions, self denial collections, missionary meetings, Sabbath schools, sale of aprons. One Aux reports a Birth day social, one the making of Quilts and one private subscriptions. All are careful as Aux to give their first attention to Ramallah & the Indians.

Generous contributions were sent to the Indians at Christmas, also to Ramallah by Elihu and Almy Grant.

We sincerely hope those meetings which have no auxiliarys will endeavor this year to form them, and thus interest their meetings in preaching the Gospel to the Regions Beyond. We believe this to be for the prosperity of the Church at home as well as abroad.

(Signed) Mary E. Kimber
Vice President Rhode Island Qr. Meeting

Fifth Month 1901.

Ans VIII

We believe that with few exceptions due care is observed in all business transactions as named after and that most Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. IX.

Recording is attended to, some removals without certificates which are under notice.

Ans. X.

Efforts are made to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially.

Minute to the Yearly Meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England next to be held in Portland, Me.

Dear Friends,

Min I The Queries have all been read in this meeting and we have prepared the accompanying summary of answers for your information, which with other extracts from our minutes are herewith forwarded to your meeting.

Min II We have appointed the following Friends as representatives, viz. (for list see minutes page 482)

Min III We have directed our treasurer to pay yours the balance of stock called for in the 8th mo. last.

Min IV The several matters of statistical information required are herewith forwarded on blanks provided for the purpose.

Min V. Our quota of the several official documents from our last Yearly Meeting, together with the ministry message, have been received apportioned and forwarded to the same respectively.

Min VI We have approved the decision of Prov. Mo. Meeting to hold its sessions at Saylesville during the 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th months of 1901 at the usual day & hour, and at Prov. the balance of the year as heretofore. Also with Greenwich Mo. Meeting in changing the hour of its sessions to 2.30 instead of 3 P.M.

Min VII We have during the year recorded the following Friends as ministers of the gospel - viz. Byron O. Salisbury, Alice C. Earle, & Thomas J. B. Battey.

Fifth Month 1901

Min VIII We have appointed D. Walter Chace as Quarterly Meeting supt of Bible Schools and Phebe S. Aydelott & Robert P. Gifford members of the finance committee.

Eighth Month 1901

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held as a united Meeting at Newport 8th mo 1st 1901

By the accounts from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives appointed to attend this meeting were from Rhode Island — George G. Williams Anna L. Williams Richard L. Macomber Josephine W. Kimber Cordelia Lawrence and Mary W. Macomber.

from Greenwich — Anna Merrill E. Hannah Tucker Annie Matteson Ellen M. Atwater Carrie G. Buffinton. Christopher A. Shippee and Anna Taylor.

from Swansea — Obadiah Chace 2d Simeon W. Luther Flora Read Ellen Thompson Nancy H. Chace and Henry C. Aydelott.

from Providence — Sarah J. Hanson Louisa M. Meader — Chas B. Inman and Thos G. Jackson whose names being called 16 were present and 7 were absent.

The Clerk being absent Robt P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

Our Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported their attendance except five, one of the absent ones being our dear friend Joseph H. Atwater whose release from his services in the Church Militant occurred during the sessions of Yearly Meeting. We are comforted in the assurance of his glorious prospect of a life immortal in the Church triumphant.

The Committee appointed in 5th month relating to Treasurer and the finances presented the following report — viz "We have examined the Treasurer's account and vouchers and find the same correct with a balance in his hands of $17.50 We propose that the

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting;--

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, Sixth Month 1901,

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Yearly Meeting the coming year the sum of $2500. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay their respective proportions of said sum to our Treasurer, Joseph D. Wood, 215 State Street, Boston, one half on or before Eleventh Month 1st, 1901, and the remainder on or before Fifth Month 1st 1902. The quota of your meeting at 22 1/2 % is $556.25

It is the conclusion of this meeting that the Uniform Discipline, read and adopted at our Yearly Meeting in 1900, shall become operative from this date (Sixth Month 18th, 1901) and we hereby direct that our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, upon official information hereof, shall conform in all respects to the provisions of said Uniform Discipline, and that all changes required for such conformity be made as early as circumstances will allow. See Yearly Meeting Minutes No.43.

Our construction of said Uniform Discipline in regard to membership is as follows:

All children born after this date shall be regarded as "Associate Members, and all others are on the basis of Active Membership as heretofore. See Minute No. 44.

550.
R.I. 35% 192.50
Gr 9 % 49.50
Swan 28 % 154.00
Prov 28 154.00

From the minutes,

John Ellwood Paige, Clerk.

sum of five Hundred and fifty ($550.00) Dollars be raised for this Meeting's use the Ensuing Year and that Robt. P. Gifford be appointed Treasurer. Signed for the Committee

Providence 7th mo. 30th 1901 Charles Sisson"

This Meeting accepts the report and Robt. P. Gifford is appointed Treasurer as proposed and the Clerk authorized to inform our Monthly Meetings of the sum required ($550.00) and request the same to be forwarded to our Treasurer in the usual proportion and at the dates mentioned in the minute from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting gives information of and presents a certificate liberating for Gospel Service in Ohio Iowa Western and Indiana Yearly Meetings our dear friend Eva Estes, also the same certificate includes the concern of her husband James M. Estes to accompany ~~her~~, which is united with by this Meeting and the Clerk is directed to endorse their certificate in expression of unity with their proposed religious Engagements.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting also presented a certificate of unity liberating our friend Osborne J. Hoffman for service in the Cause of the Gospel in North Carolina Yearly Meeting and its limits, with which this Meeting unites and the Clerk is directed to endorse his Minute expressive of the unity.

This Meeting unites with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of George I. Williams.

The Committee appointed one year ago in relation to the prospect of Byron C. Salisbury made a verbal report and are released from their appointment, the Treasurer of the funds contributed, to dispose of the same according to the wishes of the respective donors.

The following Communication from the Clerk of our Yearly Meeting was read, and the Clerk is directed to furnish our Monthly Meetings with the required information, it being now understood that our Christian Organization, duties and privileges are to be according to the Constitution and Discipline as set forth in the Minute of directions from the Yearly Meeting.

See the insertion here the original MS signed by the Clerk Yr. Mtg"

8th Mo 1901 Continued

A Minute was presented by our dear friend Harry Hayes from Le Grand Monthly Meeting and endorsed by Bangor Quarterly Meeting State of Iowa Expressing Unity with him in his prospect of Gospel Service in Yearly Meetings East of the Mississippi River. His Evangelistic Services have prompted many expressions of Unity and given occasion for much prayer and sacrifice in love for the Cause of Christ. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute.

A "Christian Workers Minute" from Cleveland Monthly Meeting Ohio was presented by our dear friend Bertha I. Pinkham of that meeting. She made a brief address in the interests of the Bible Institute and Training School of Cleveland asking for the prayerful and material aid of our members in behalf of Institute.

The Committee of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for the Opening of Closed Meeting Houses made their usual Quarterly report through the Clerk of that Meeting. The collection ($32.02) taken at this time is not sufficient for the needs and to help the deficiency our Treasurer is directed to pay the Treasurer of that Committee the ten dollars balance of our appropriation in the 8th Month 1899.

The Queries as printed in our new Discipline were read and considered at this time.

Having concluded the business coming before us in love and condescension we adjourn to meet at the usual time in Fall River if the Lord permit.

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Eleventh Month 1901

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River, 11mo. 7. 1901.

By the accounts from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from

Rhode Island.

Frederick [illegible] Coleman Joseph A. Anthony, Anna A. Williams Osborne [illegible] Hoffman Mary A. Macomber Delia Rees and Exie Estes.

Greenwich

Moses L. Buffington Ellen M. [illegible] [illegible] Carpenter Lydia E. Drinkwater E. Anna Tucker Anna J. [illegible] Christopher A. [illegible] Ellen [illegible].

Swansea.

Henry C. Appleton Samuel C. Buffington [illegible] Luther Charles Chace Robert A. Lawton William J. Sayers Esther M. Davis Lemuel Chace

Providence

Sarah A. Hanson, Mary J. Chase Thomas J. Battey Robert P. Gifford Valentine C. Almy who were all in attendance except for the absence of one of whom a reason was given.

Exie Estes and her husband James Estes returned at this time the minute granted them in the 8th mo. last for service in Ohio, Iowa, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings and presented acceptable returning minutes from Ohio, Iowa and Indiana Yearly Meetings. All of which is satisfactory to us.

Exie & James Estes return minute

Delia Rees, Charles A. Chace, Lydia E. Drinkwater and Charles Sisson are appointed a nominating committee to bring forward at our next meeting the names of Friends suitable to serve this meeting as Clerks, Correspondent and Treasurer until a new appointment which it is decided to make in the 8th month next.

Nominating Committee

The Queries have been read and considered in this meeting.

The clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and

Eleventh Month continued

Oversight presented a report of the work under the care of its committee. At Greenwich a sustained and growing interest is manifest while in other meetings the outlook is not so encouraging but this Quarterly Meeting was brought under a lively concern by the reading of this report and much pertinent counsel and encouragement were given.

A collection amounting to $65.43 (Sixty five 43/100 dollars) was taken up for the furtherance of the work.

And now having concluded the business coming before us in much harmony and feeling grateful for the earnest messages of ministering friends and the evidences of Christian life among us manifested by the large attendance, we conclude, proposing to meet in Providence at the usual time in the 2nd mo. next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Second Month. 1902.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2nd Mo. 6th 1902.

By the accounts present from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are as follow.

Rhode Island

Fred W. Holman, Wm. L. Weaver, Robert C. Wetherell, William Holt, Richard Macomber, Emily A. Holman, Cordelia Lawrence, Alice M. Coleman, Anna L. Manchester, Mary E. Kimber, John W. Franklin and Isaac L. Fish.

Greenwich

Min I
Representatives

Christopher A. Shippee, Moses L. Buffinton, Ellen M. Atwater, Anna Merritt, Alice A. Taylor, Lydia E. Drinkwater, Sarah M. Carpenter, Hannah E. Bennett.

Swansea

Maud A. Kilson, Simeon H. Luther, Flora Read and Nancy A. H. Chace.

Providence

Hannah S. Ladd, Lonson N. Meader, Emily S. White, Deborah W. Gifford, Walter C. White and Archibald G. Renfrew.

Who were all in attendance except four, and for the absence of two of these, reasons were assigned.

Min II
Clerks
&
Treasurer

A communication from Delia Rees on behalf of the nominating committee appointed three months ago presented the names of Thomas J. Battey for clerk and Susan Peckham for assistant clerk of this meeting, also the name of Walter S. Meader for correspondent and Robert P. Gifford for treasurer. The nominations were approved and the friends named are accordingly appointed to their respective stations until next 11th month as decided at our last meeting.

Min III
[illegible]

Our beloved friend H. Elizabeth Jones duly recommended as a minister of the gospel from Amesbury Monthly Meeting Mass. acceptably attended this meeting and the clerk is authorized to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The clerk of the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight presented a report relative to gospel work and requested that a collection be taken in aid of the

Com. on Smaller Mtgs.

same. This was done and the sum of ($50) Fifty Dollars was contributed for the use of the committee on Smaller meetings whose treasurer reported a balance on hand of $3.11 Three Dollars 11 cts.

In accordance with a recommendation from the Quar. Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, we appoint Anna L. Manchester, Isaac L. Fiske, E. Annah Tucker, Moses L. Buffington, Phebe S. Aydelott, Charles Estes, Thos. J. Battey and Louisa N. Meader to bring forward names of friends to act as an evangelistic committee of this Quarterly Meeting.

The same friends are also charged with the nomination of a Supt. of Bible Schools, two members of a Finance Committee and representatives to the Yearly Meeting on the new bases of representation and report to our next meeting. The members of the committee are requested to meet at 7-30 A.M. in East Greenwich on the morning of the Q.M.

The Queries have been read and considered in this meeting.

And now having concluded the business coming before us we adjourn proposing to meet at the usual time at East Greenwich in the 5th m. next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Fifth Month 1902

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5 mo. 1st 1902.

By the accounts from our several Monthly Meetings we learn that the representatives to this are as follow—

Rhode Island

Osborne J. Hoffman, Emma [illegible] Coleman, Albert G. Wetherell, Anna R. Williams, Delia Rees, John W. Franklin, Anna L. Manchester, Cornelia A. Barker, Alice M. Colman, Richard R. Macomber, [illegible] Min I

Greenwich

Ellen M. Atwater, Annie E. Buffington, Sarah M. Carpenter, Hosea L. Buffington, Carrie Brown, Mary Weeden, Susan E. [illegible], E. Annah Tucker, Ellen Lockwood.

Swansea

Charles A. Chace, Esther Chace, Eliza A. Sisson, Obadiah Chace, Maud A. Kelsey, Wm J. Sayers, Henry C. Aydelott, Phebe S. Aydelott, [illegible]

Providence

Asenath Tilton, Elizabeth A. [illegible], Thomas Battey, Charles Sisson, Louisa M. Mead, Abbie M. Taber [illegible] whose names being called all were found to be in attendance except [illegible].

Our dear friend Jesse McPherson, duly recorded as a minister of the gospel from [illegible] Monthly Meeting, Maine, attended this meeting. His company and services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is authorized to furnish him with a copy of this minute. Min. II

The nominating committee appointed in 2nd mo. last presented the following lists which are accepted and the Friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations. Min. III

Report of Nom. Committee.

For Evangelistic Committee.

Charles A. Chace, Geo. G. Williams, E. Annah Tucker, William H. Perry, Osborne J. Hoffman, Henry C. Aydelott, Susan Peckham, M. Augusta Battey, Delia Reese, Archibald E. [illegible], [illegible] F. Rudd, Alice M. Colman, [illegible] Weeden. Evangelist Comm.

Superintendent of Bible Schools.

Anna B. Macomber.

Fifth Month 1902 (continued)

Min III continued. Representatives to the Yearly Meeting.
Anna L. Manchester, Osborne J. Hoffman, E. Annah Tucker, Alice L. Buffington, Phebe S. Aydelott,
Rep's to Y. Mtg. Fred A. Kelsey, Robert P. Gifford, Susan Peckham, Augustine Jones, Mabel A. Hoffman, Charles A. Chace, Annie Merrill, Charles Sisson, M. Augusta Battey, [illegible] R. Macomber

[illegible] Committee

Robert P. Gifford   Phebe S. Aydelott.

[illegible] Committee

[illegible]

Secretary.

Min IV Com. on report [illegible] Owing to a deficiency of reports on the state of society from two of our Monthly Meetings we appoint Phebe S. Aydelott, Thomas J. Battey, and Susan Peckham to compare & collate all reports received by this and the [illegible] Meeting on Ministry and oversight and draft from them a report to be signed by our clerk and forwarded with our usual summary to the Yearly Meeting.

Min V [illegible] Rep. The Queries have been read and considered in this meeting, and we direct that the usual summary of statistics and other information be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by the following Friends whom we have appointed our representatives — for list see Min III above.

Min VI. Stock. Our treasurer is directed to pay the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the balance of stock called for in the 8th mo. last.

Min VII [illegible] We appoint Charles Sisson, Richard R. Macomber, Charles A. Chace and Mary H. Weeden, to audit and settle the treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised by this meeting the ensuing year, also to nominate [illegible] treasurer, correspondent and clerks of the Meeting and to suggest any [illegible] in the apportionment among our Monthly Mtgs.

Min [illegible] The clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight reported on the matters coming before it since [illegible] mo last.

[illegible] The treasurer's report showed a balance of $[illegible].76. The request made in the report that a collection be taken up was responded to by a contribution of $47.00 which we direct paid to the treasurer of the Committee on Smaller Meetings to be by her transferred to the treasurer of the Evangelistic Com. just appointed when the same is organized.

STATISTICAL REPORT of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends Meeting:

From Third Month 1st, 1901, to Third Month 1st, 1902.

	STATISTICS OF MINISTERS, ELDERS AND ASSOCIATES.				STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.													STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.						
	Number of Meetings.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Elders.	Number of Associate Members.	Number of members reported last year.	Error in last year's Report. —Gain.	Error in last year's Report. —Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of members.	Number of Children between 4 and 12.	Number of Children between 12 and 21.	Number attending school.	Number attending School taught or controlled by friends.	Number between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by friends.	Number attending College.	Number attending Colleges controlled by Friends.
R.I.	2	7	7	7	239			2	4	6	3	7	0	8		247	22	20	23	3	3	0	0
Green.	2	3	9	5	103			0	3	0	0	3		0		103		3					
Swan.	4	6	10	16	399		1	6	8	9	8	12	0	10		409	34	54	60	6	6	1	
Prov.	2	5	12	3	239			2	4	4	4	0	3	0	4	235	16	20	28	5	4	3	1
Total	10	21	38	31	980		1	10	19	19	15	22	3	14		994	62	97	111	14	13	4	1

James and Erie Estes and Byron O. Salisbury, Ministers have removed from our limits during the past year

NAMES OF MINISTERS. (Deceased).	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE IN YEARS Or in what year of his age.	MONTHLY MEETINGS TO WHICH THEY BELONGED.
NAMES OF ELDERS. (Deceased.)			
Catharine Greene	6 mo 23 1901	75 yrs	Greenwich

NOTE.—This *Blank* applies to preparative, Monthly, and Quarterly Meetings.

(The report from the Quarterly Meeting, properly filled out, should be sent to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, on or before the 1st day of the Sixth Month.)

Fifth Month 1902 (Contin)

We approve the following changes in holding meetings. Min IX Changes of Meetings
Prov. Mo. Meeting to be held at Saylesville in the 6th 7th 8th & 9th months till further notise. day and hour unchanged.
Swansea Mo. Meeting to be held at Safford Road Meeting House in the 6th & 8th months instead of the Main St House Fall River. Day & time unchanged.

The Annual Report from the Vice President of the Womens Foreign Missionary Society for R. I. Q. M. has been read at this time in this meeting and much expression of encouragement and satisfaction. It is directed to be preserved among the Minutes of the Quar. Meeting. Min X W.F.M.S.

And now having concluded the business coming before us at this time, we adjourn, purposing to meet at Newport at the usual time in the 8th mo. next if the Lord permit Min XI

Hiram E. Battey
Clerk.

Yearly Meeting Summary.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held at Newport,

Dear Friends.

Min. I The Queries have been read and considered in this meeting and from the reports on the state of society sent up by our subordinate meetings we have made out the accompanying summary which with the statistical and other information coming before us we direct forwarded to you by the following Friends whom we have appointed our representatives, viz.

Anna L. Manchester, Osborne J. Huffman, Hannah Tucker, Moses L. Buffington, Phebe S. Aydelott, Mead A. Kelsey, Robert P. Gifford, Susan Peckham, Augustine Jones, Mabel H. Huffman, Charles A. Chace, Laura Merrill, Charles Dixon, M. Augusta Dilley, Isaac B. Macomber

Min II We have appointed an evangelistic committee whose chairman Charles A. Chace becomes by the New Discipline a division member of your Evangelistic & Church Extension Board.

We have also appointed Anna B. Macomber Superintendent of Bible Schools & Robert P. Gifford and Phebe S. Aydelott on Finance Committee.

Summary continued.

Min III. We have directed our treasurer to pay you the balance of stock called for in the 8th mo. last.

Min IV. We have approved the following changes in the holding of meetings, viz:

Providence Monthly Meeting to be held at Saylesville in the 6th, 7th & 8th months until further notice. Day and hour unchanged.

Swansea Mo. Meeting to be held at Stafford Road, in the 6th & 8th months instead of Main St. Fall River; day & hour unchanged.

Summary on the state of Society.

Min V. Summary State Society. The regularly established meetings in R. I. Quar. Meeting have all been held during the year ending 3 mo. 1st 1902, except one omitted on account of a storm.

The reports indicate that in most of the meetings the percentage of the whole membership habitually attending is rather small and notably so at mid-week and business meetings, but some improvement has been noticed during the year.

The First day morning congregations often increased by non-members, are creditably maintained.

There appears to have been on the whole an encouraging degree of unity and christian fellowship amongst us, only one case of difference having been reported.

No special inquiry seems to have been made among our members with a view of ascertaining to what extent private and family devotions have been maintained, but it is evident that while many are faithful in this respect, some anxiety is felt lest others are too indifferent in these [illegible] duties.

Among the lines of distinctively religious work in which our members have been engaged apart from regular meetings are Missionary Meetings, Bible Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, Cottage Prayer Meetings and City Mission Work. The results of these fields of labor though not extensive have been in the encouraging and hopeful.

In the matter of intoxicating drinks we believe our membership is with a few exceptions mainly but not wholly so from amusements usually thought inconsistent by Friends.

[illegible] [illegible],

On such subjects as military service and public office we are not aware that there has been any breach of Christian principle during the year.

In all business matters and style of living as well as providing for the education and training of children our members have been generally careful and exemplary, and so far as appears care has been extended to those needing assistance.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Eighth Month 1902

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport R. I. 8th mo 7th 1902.

By the accounts from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are from Rhode Island Elizabeth Hutchison Anna R. Williams Alden B. Hall, Sophia Pearce Joseph E. Macomber and Hannah C. Borden. — from Greenwich Mary H. Weeden [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] H. Luther [illegible] Chace Mary A. Gale Herbert [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] whose names [illegible] [illegible] present [illegible].

The Clerk being absent Robert Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they all attended.

The Committee appointed in 5th mo last to audit the Treasurers account and for other duties made the following report

To the Quarterly Meeting

We have examined the Treasurers account and found same to be correct with a balance of [illegible] [illegible]

We recommend that 50c be raised for the ensuing year. This amount being only [illegible] in excess of our quota of Yearly Meeting stock.

We also recommend that the apportionment among our Monthly Meetings be as follows.

Rhode Island	33 per Cent	Swansea	31 per cent
Portsmouth	31 " "	Greenwich	5 " "

We propose the following named persons for officers of the Quarterly Meeting for the Ensuing Year

Clerk Thomas J. Battey
Asst Clerk Susan Peckham
Treasurer Robt F. Gifford
Correspondent Walter S. Hunter

for the Committee signed

Charles Sisson
Newport R.I. / Richard R. Macomber
8th mo 7 1902 / Mary H. Weeden

The report was accepted and the friends therein named were appointed to their respective stations. The recommendations as to finances were also adopted.

The following Communication from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting was read and the Clerk is directed to inform our Monthly Meetings of the directions relative to the respective quotas of funds called for.
— See Ofy. Mtg. paper herewith attached —

Our dear friend Harriet Green from London Yearly Meeting attended this Meeting. The reading of her Credentials and their religious services today have united our hearts in thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His Shepherd care of us. The Clerk is requested to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The Evangelistic Committee made the following Quarterly report which was accepted.

— To R.I. Quarterly Meeting

The work of Your Evangelistic Committee has been carried on during the past three months in the same manner as heretofore, and in the same localities. No Meetings have been held in Warwick. At Anthony and East Greenwich, the interest has been well sustained, but we cannot report much if any increase of interest nor any new Membership. The work at Tiverton is languishing for want of a resident worker, but faithful servants of the Lord have remembered its needs, and have ministered from week to week to the little band of worshippers. The question of there are

To Rhode Jsland Quarterly Meeting.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends Held at Newport sixth month J902 On the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was concluded to raise for the use of the meeting the present year the sum of $ 2500.00 Our several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of said sum to the Treasurer of this meeting- joseph D. Wood, 2J5 State St. Boston, in half yearly payments as heretofore. The quota of Rhode Jsland Quarterly Meeting @ 22 i/4 % is $ 556.25

Signed on behalf of the meeting

John Ellwood Paige Clerk

Lynn Mass 8/14/02

through sections there outside of the established societies to warrant an Outlay of time and money which might be spent to advantage in other directions and we beg leave to say that the offerings and appropriations made for the use of this Committee are not sufficient to meet the demands made upon it.

Report [illegible]

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee Susan Peckham Secretary

Treasurers Account

Receipts

Balance on hand 8th mo 4th 1902	.86	
Collection at Greenwich	47.00	
Returned by Alice A. Coleman	2.00	$49.86

Expenditures

Gospel work at Anthony	18.50	
" " " Greenwich	30.50	
Balance in Treasury	.86	$49.86

Respectfully submitted M. Augusta Batty Treasurer

The request for Contributions to be prayerfully made in aid of the Committee's work resulted in the Collection of $41.08.

The Queries have been read for prayerful Consideration and our attention was called with special emphasis to the family devotions in Connection with the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures. The Clerk was directed to forward to the next Meeting of the Permanent Board to be held in Providence on 20th inst a request from this meeting that this subject claim the attention of the Board with reference to printing and sending a circular to the homes of our members Calling serious attention to our duties and privileges relating thereto.

Having Concluded the business brought before us in harmony we now separate to meet again at the usual time in Fall River if the Lord permit.

Carrie H Gifford.
Clerk for the day

Eleventh Month, 1902.

Min I At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo. 6th 1902

By the accounts from our several monthly meetings the representatives are from

Rhode Island

Anna B. Macomber, Elizabeth Hutchinson, John H. Franklin, Mary E. Chase Robert C. Wetherell, and Anna C. Sherman.

Greenwich

Alice C. Earle Christopher A. Slipper, Sarah M. Carpenter Anna T. Matteson Moses L. Buffinton, Mary H. Weeden, Lydia E. Drinkwater E. Annah Tucker.

Swansea

Henry C. Aydelott, Mead A. Kelsey, Eliz. S. Fowler Mary A. Gage, Lizzie M. Luther Flora Read Nancy A. H. Chase

Providence

Thomas J. Battey Asenath Fellow Robert P. Gifford Elizabeth Seton and Thomas J. Jackson

All were present except seven. Reasons were assigned for the absence of three.

Min II N. C. McLean C. M. Woodman Noah C. McLean a minister of the gospel duly accredited by Smithfield Monthly Mtg. O and Charles M. Woodman duly accredited by Winthrop Mo. Meeting, Me. acceptably attended this meeting.

Min III. The Queries were read and considered

Min IV Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs us that they are united in the belief that the gift in the ministry of Alice M. Colman should be acknowledged and her public appearance therein approved, her case having passed the successive stages required by Discipline. This meeting approves of the action taken and directs its clerk to report our concurrence to R. I. Monthly Meeting.

Alice C Colman Min. approv

Min V Evan. Com. The Evangelistic Committee presented the following report which was approved and accepted and a collection amounting to $47.33 was taken for the furtherance of the Work.

The treasurers' report showed a balance of [illegible]

To the Quarterly Meeting,

The work of your committee the past quarter has been limited to the three meetings of Greenwich, Anthony and Tiverton; In all these meetings the interest is well sustained, and the workers are faithfully and zealously devoting their time and energies in ministering to the spiritual needs of those whose attend. The results of these labors appear in the reports that come up from

our subordinate meetings, but the work is still greatly hindered by lack of funds, to meet the temporal needs of our workers; and we hope that for the Master's sake friends will be willing, to make liberal offerings at this time.

Respectfully submitted
on behalf of the Committee
Susan Peckham
Secretary.

Eleventh Month, 1902.

Report of
Evan. Com.

Min VI
Concluding
Min.

Having concluded the business coming before us in harmony we adjourn, proposing to meet at the usual time in Providence in the 2nd mo. next, if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk

Second Month, 1903.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Min I held at Providence 2nd mo 5, 1903;

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are from

Rhode Island

Edward B. Tyler Fred A. Heman Elizabeth Hutchinson, Ann W. Franklin, William Hall, Cordelia Lawrence, Mary E. Kimber Emily A. Holman John T. Kimber

Greenwich

Moses L. Buffington, Anna Merrill, Mary W. Weeden, Anna T. Matteson, Martha Potter, Christopher A. Shippee, Lydia E. Drinkwater and Lulu Scott.

Swansea.

Charles A. Chase Mary C. Hydelott Simeon W. Luther, Mary W. Gage, Phebe S. Hydelott

Providence

S. Caroline Tobey, Robert B. Hanson, Albert T. Carey Valentine E. Munder Robert P. Gifford Susan Peckham.

These names being called were all present except one.

Min II The Queries have been read and considered at this time.

The Evangelistic Committee reported attention to the same three meeting as mentioned
Min II in their last report. The results were encour-
Evangelistic aging. In accordance with their recommenda-
Com. tion a collection was taken up for the furtherance of the work, amounting to Fifty and $\frac{61}{100}$ Dollars. The Treasurers report showed a balance on hand of One and $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars.

We appoint Mary E. Kimber, Anna Manchester, Christopher A. Shippee, Alice C. Earle, Mead A.
Nominating Kelsey, Phebe S. Hydelott Robert P. Gifford, and
Com. S. Caroline Tobey, a nominating committee to bring forward at our next meeting the names of Friends for an Evangelistic Committee a Superintendent of Bible Schools two members of a Finance Committee and representatives to the Yearly Meeting on the new basis of representation.

Second Month, 1903.

And now having concluded the business coming before us in harmony we adjourn proposing to meet in East Greenwich at the usual time in the Fifth Month next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. S. Battey
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1903.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 7, 1903.

Min 1 / Rep. By the accounts from our several monthly meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from

Rhode Island.

Laura A. [illegible], Osborne J. Hoffman, Louise [illegible] Ayer, Cornelia A. Barker, David J. Hutchinson, Annie E. Sherman.

Greenwich.

[illegible] Nelleson, [illegible] L. Burlingame, [illegible] Alice C. Earle, Christopher Shippee, Lulu Scott, Lydia E. Drinkwater.

Swansea

[illegible] Aydelott, [illegible] Carrie De Blois, Adaline L. Chace, Phineas D. Fletcher, H. Emma Skinner, [illegible] Nancy A. H. Chace.

Providence

Abbie M. Faber, Asenath Tetlow, Abbie F. [illegible], Charles Sisson, Robert B. Hanson, [illegible] who are all present except six. For the absence of two of these reasons were assigned.

Minute Report of the Nom. Com. The following is the report of the committee on nominations

For representatives to the [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Gifford, Louise [illegible], Osborne J. Hoffman, [illegible] Annual [illegible] Alice C. Earle, Christopher [illegible] Charles Sisson [illegible]

Evangelistic Committee.

Charles A. Chace, Geo. G. Williams, E. Annah Tucker, [illegible] E. Perry, Osborne J. Hoffman, [illegible] Peckham, [illegible] Bailey, [illegible] Edmund L. [illegible] [illegible] Ladd [illegible] Mary H. [illegible] Alice C. Earle, [illegible] Bible Schools [illegible] E. [illegible] [illegible] Committee [illegible] P. Gifford, [illegible] Aydelott. [illegible] Committee [illegible]

Report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for the Year Ending 3 mo. 31, [illegible]

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

Dear Friends,

We are glad to have reports from two new auxiliaries in our Quarterly Meeting, one at East Greenwich, (organized the latter part of last year but sending in its first report this year) & one at Tiverton, thus increasing the number of auxiliaries in our Quarterly Meeting to nine.

While we are not [illegible] satisfied with our attainments, and feeling a need of deepening in all lines, yet we are glad and thankful to bring to your notice some evidence of increasing interest and activity in the cause of Foreign Missions. Last year we had a membership of 142 women, this year we number 164; a gain of 22. Last year we had 21 honorary members; this year 29, a gain of 8. Juvenile [illegible] the last in its [illegible] [illegible] of 45. The total amount of money raised last year was $332.71, this year 375.17, a gain of 42.46. [illegible] was used for current expenses and for materials to send to our mission stations. Ramallah receives first attention from all; other missions assisted are Western Indians, [illegible] Mission and Alaska.

The number of public meetings held was 33, one less than last year. [illegible] or all of the [illegible] departments of work called for by our constitution are carried on by some of our auxiliaries. All except two also are pursuing the Mission Study Course, either from "Via Christi", the [illegible] [illegible] of the Missionary [illegible], or [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] interest is expressed in these lines. Several of our auxiliaries have expressed a desire at different times to engage in some specific work in connection with the foreign field. The only thought that presented itself was the support of a child at Ramallah. The fact, however, that the sum required was beyond their reach. It was then suggested that three or four of the local societies unite in the support of a pupil. The plan has received cordial response, and we believe the interest will be increased the coming year by correspondence, photographs, [illegible]. But while thus adding fresh inspiration to our work because of a definite object, we desire to encourage the auxiliaries not to confine their efforts to that.

A call was sent out through our Quarterly Meeting to observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, observed by the other Women's Foreign Missionary Societies in this country and Canada. This was responded to by the greater number of our local societies and resulted in much blessing where so observed, which we trust [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The conviction is being fastened upon many hearts that prevailing prayer is our greatest need. Many of our missionaries — we might say all — tell us that far beyond our gifts, (much as these are valued and needed they need our prayers.

To the end that prevailing prayer might be offered, on missionary society reports that they felt it best that only those who had met with a change of heart should be admitted into membership. Since that time there has been a marked change in the devotional season, and a spirit of intercession has seemed to rest on nearly all as never before.

"Lord, teach us to pray."

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Kimber.
Vice President of the R. I. Quar. Meeting Society.

Fifth Month, 1903.

The foregoing report was accepted and the Friends therein named appointed to their respective stations.

Min III
Stock.

This meeting directs its treasurer to pay the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the balance of Quarterly Meeting Stock [illegible] by [illegible].

Min IV
Statistics

Statistical reports from our several Monthly Meetings have been received and read. We direct the summary of [illegible] with other [illegible] forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by the [illegible] [illegible] appointed [illegible] (For list see Report above).

Min. V
Auditing Com.

We appoint Charles [illegible] Christopher A. Shippee and Alice C. Earle, to Audit and settle the treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised by this meeting the ensuing year, also to nominate a treasurer, correspondent and clerk of the Quarterly Meeting [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible].

Min VI
Report of Evan. Com.

A report was accepted from the Evangelistic Committee showing [illegible] and encouraging activity [illegible] several [illegible] of effort. In accordance [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ($47.69) Forty seven and 69/100 dollars.

Min. VII
[illegible]
C. W.

We have [illegible] with Greenwich and Rhode Island Monthly Meetings [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible] Tucker and Alice C. Earle [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Charles [illegible] and Robert [illegible] are appointed a committee with whom they may confer.

Appropriation

This meeting authorizes Phebe S. [illegible] to draw on our treasurer an amount [illegible] for defraying the expense of typewriting copies of papers [illegible] in the meeting on Ministry [illegible].

[illegible]
T. F. M. S.

The report of the [illegible] Missionary Society was read at this time [illegible] a very encouraging account of work [illegible] during the year. It was [illegible] to be [illegible] on our records.

Adjourned to meet [illegible] Newport at the usual time [illegible] next if the Lord permit.

Thomas [illegible] Clerk.

(over.)

Yearly Meeting Summary [illegible] 03.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held
in Portland

Dear Friends

The Queries have been read and answered
the prescribed number of times in our meetings during
the year. From the reports received from our several
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with
[illegible] statistical and other information, is
Min I directly forwarded to you by our representatives who
are Robert P. Gifford, Louisa N. Meader, Osborne
[illegible] Abbie N. [illegible] Charles & [illegible]
Rufus S. [illegible], [illegible] C. Earle, [illegible]
A. Shuffle, Anna C. Williams, Mary W.
Macomber, [illegible] Jones, Mead A. Kelsey,
Charles [illegible], [illegible] F. Chace.

We have appointed an evangelistic [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] chairman Charles A. Chace becomes by the
[illegible] discipline [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Evangelistic and [illegible] [illegible] for
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Gifford and [illegible] [illegible]
Committee.

Min [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to be sure to pay [illegible]
Stock. the balance of stock called for in the 10th mo
last.

Summary on State of Society.

Min 14 1st The spiritual condition of the membership.
Summary The reports from our subordinate meetings speak
of Statistics of a deepening of spiritual life in congregational
See margin. worship; a number of members growing spiritually
"an awakening of life and earnestness in some
Min. V meetings with a quiet seeking for the indwelling
Summary Spirit of Christ," while on the other hand, regrets
on State of are expressed over many who have no
Society. apparent interest in spiritual things, but that
efforts to reach such are being put forth."

2nd The attendance upon public worship.

With very little exception all our meetings
both for worship and discipline have been
held with the usual record of fair attendance
on First days but small at other times

STATISTICAL REPORT of *Rhode Island Quarterly* Meeting.

From Third Month 1st, 1902, to Third Month 1st, 1903.

	Statistics of Ministers, Elders and Members, ex officio				STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.														STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.						
	Number of Meetings.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Elders.	Number of Overseers.	Number of members reported last year.	Error in last year's Report. —Gain.	Error in last year's Report. —Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of active members.	Present number associate members.	Total membership.	Number of Children between 4 and 12.	Number of Children between 12 and 21.	Number attending school.	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	Number between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	Number attending College.	Number attending Colleges controlled by Friends.
R.I	3	7	7	7	247			1	2	0	0	8	2	5		252	4	256	24	21	25	3	4	5	0
Green.	2	4	9	8	103		8	0	2	0	0	0	9		19	84	0	84	6	7	11	4	4	0	0
Swan.	4	5	11	18	409			5	10	0	1	17	13		2	398	9	407	31	66	69	0	0	2	0
Prov.	2	5	12	9	285			2	6	0	1	6	5		4	222	9	231	19	23	30	3	2	2	1
Totals	11	21	39	42	994		8	8	20	0	2	21	29		20	956	22	978	80	117	135	10	10	4	1

NAMES OF MINISTERS. (Deceased).	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE IN YEARS or in what year of his age.	MONTHLY MEETINGS TO WHICH THEY BELONGED.	
Sybil Narcissa Beale	1st mo 12 1903	63	Rhode Island	
Rebecca Anthony	9 mo. 20, 1902	75 yrs	Swansea	
~~Anna A Gould (elder~~)	4th mo 2, 1903.	(to be reported next year)		

NOTE —This *Blank* applies to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings.

(The report from the Quarterly Meeting, properly filled out, should be sent to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, on or before the 1st day of the Sixth Month.)

Yearly Meeting Summary concluded.

There is a considerable portion of the membership in some meetings that seldom or never attends.

3rd. Of family devotions.

It is apparent from the reports that but very little attempt has been made to ascertain just to what extent family devotions are maintained, although we are evidently deficient in that respect.

4th The relation of members to one another and the world.

With one exception where great care is being exercised to remedy some want of harmony among the membership, all our meetings report that the relations of their members with one another and the world is very encouraging although recognizing that there is still room for improvement.

5th The work in which the members are engaged.

The following facts are reported.

Three series of Meetings; some all-day meetings; union services with other meetings; work in missions; one worker stationed in a small outlying meeting; interest of children in Junior Endeavor; one well-attended meeting a week in a village; several special meetings in the meeting houses of Friends; interest and liberal contributions for mission work; First-day evening meetings for papers & discussion on the principles of Friends with a number of non-members in attendance; encouraging interest in Bible-school work; activity and zeal in the W. F. M. Society; earnest desire for more spiritual power and influence for good on the community.

Thomas J. C. Battey,
Clerk.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, Sixth Month, 1903.

It was concluded to raise the sum of $2500 for the use of the meeting the coming year. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay their respective proportions of said sum to our Treasurer John H. Meader, one half on or before Eleventh Month 1st and the balance on or before the first of Fifth Month.

The quota of your meeting at 21 per cent is $525.00

Attention of Quarterly Meetings is called to sundry items printed on inside of cover of printed minutes.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting,

John Ellwood Paige Clerk.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

Eighth Month 1903

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
in Newport 8th mo 6th 1903.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives are from — Rhode Island — Elizabeth Hutchison Mabel M. Hoffman Deborah S. Child Jos. E. Macomber, George G. Williams, Wm L. Weaver and Anne E. Sherman — from Greenwich — Mary W. Weeden Sarah M. Carpenter Alice C. Earle E. Annah Tucker Carrie L. Buffinton and Christopher A. Shippo from Swansea — Henry C. Aydelott Mary A. Gage Wm J. Sayers Samuel Chace Nancy A. Chace and Simeon W. Luther — from Providence — Deborah W. Gifford Hannah P. Ladd E. Herbert Briggs and Robt P. Gifford who are present Excep six for the absence of four of whom good reasons were assigned.

The Clerk being absent Robert P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

The Committee appointed in Fifth Month last to Audit the Treasurers Account and make nominations report as follows. — To the Quarterly Meeting

We have examined the Treasurer's account and find same to be correct with no balance in his hands —

We recommend that Five Hundred and Sixty ($560.00) dollars be raised for the ensuing year to be apportioned among the Monthly Meetings as last year and propose the following persons for officers the ensuing year for Clerk Thomas J. Battey and Assistant Clerk Susan Peckham for Treasurer Robt P. Gifford and Correspondent Walter S. Meader

For the Committee { Charles Sisson
Alice C. Earle

The report was accepted and the Friends therein named were appointed to their respective stations. The recommendation as to finance were also approved and the Clerk directed to inform the Monthly Meetings and include the notices from the Clerk of our late Yearly Meeting as contained in his Communication herewith inserted as follows.

A returning Minute was read signed by the Clerk of New York Yearly Meeting, stating the acceptable attendance at that Meeting of our friends E. Annah Tucker and Alice C. Earle.

Our dear friends Seneca H. Stevens attended this Meeting with a Minute of Unity with him as a Minister from Poughkeepsie Monthly Meeting and Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting New York, and Essie Estes with a Minute of Unity with her as a Minister from Goshen Monthly and Quarterly Meetings State of Ohio, also E. Joseph Prescott presented a Minute of Unity with him as a Minister from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting State of Maine. The presence and services of these together with others engaged in Ministry among us have been evidence of Divine favor and blessing.

A report was read from our Evangelistic Committee which encouraged us. And the Chairman of the Committee expressed a concern that our offerings for this work might be expressive of sincere prayer and sacrifice unto the Lord. The Collection of the offerings amounted to $56.10

After prayerful deliberation we have united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in liberating our friend William J. Sayers for his proposed visit of Gospel love to Wilmington and Ohio Yearly Meetings. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with the required credentials and we appoint Charles A. Chace and Augustine Jones a Committee to have the necessary care according to discipline.

For satisfactory reasons stated by its members, Swansea Monthly Meeting is authorized to hold a special session at Somerset Meeting House on Second Day 8th mo 10th inst at 2 P.M. The Representatives from that meeting are requested to give notice of this at their respective Meetings for worship next First Day.

Our business having been conducted in harmony and with a sense of Divine condescension we close the Meeting and propose to meet in Fall River the usual time in 11th month next.

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Eleventh Month, 1903.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11th mo 3, 1903.

By the accounts from our several Mo. meetings the representatives are from

Rhode Island

Katharine Jones, Laura A. Criswell, Hannah C. Borden David J. Hutchison, Fannie Scott, Jos. S. Anthony

Greenwich

Eva Mutley Lydia C. Drinkwater, Anna J. Matteson Moses L. Buffington, Anna Merrill,

Min I Alice C. Earle, Carrie S. Buffington, Ellen Lockwood, Christopher A. Shippee, E. Annah Tucker.

Swansea

Henry C. Hydelott, Obadiah Chace, Phineas D. Fletcher, Mary A. Gregg, Adaline J. Chace Flora Read.

Providence.

M. Augusta Battey, S. Caroline Tobey, Lucy H. Meader Willis H. White Robert B. Hanson.

All were present except five.

Min II The queries were read and considered at this time.

Min. III We have with us at this meeting the acceptable company of Stephen Breed of Weare Mo. Meeting, N.H. and Charles W. Goddard of Dartmouth Mo. Meeting Mass. both duly accredited as ministers of the gospel by their respective meetings

The company & services of these dear friends together with those of Alfred T. Ware our Y. Meeting's superintendent of evangelistic work and of others from outside our own borders have been helpful & inspiring to us, and we desire to bid them God speed in their devoted work for our common Master.

The Evangelistic Committee presented the following

Min IV report which was accepted and in accordance with its recommendations a collection was taken up for the furtherance of the work amounting to Sixty Dollars and sixty four cents ($60.64)

The treasurer's report showed a balance of $7.37.

Min V Our dear friend Alfred T. Ware, Superintendent of Evangelistic Work brought before us the subject of Home Mission work pleading that it should have the same place and close touch in the membership at large as does our Foreign Mission work

Having concluded the business coming before us and feeling profoundly grateful for the evidences of living interest in the cause of Truth amongst us, we adjourn proposing to meet in Providence at the usual time in the second month next if the Lord permit. Min VI

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Second Month 1904.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence 2nd Mo. 4th, 1904.

By the accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are from

Rhode Island

Lydia A. Goddard, Cordelia Lawrence, Annie C. Sherman, Deborah Child, Emma M. Sherman, Mary E. Kimber, Joseph S. Anthony, Isaac B. Macomber.

Greenwich

Christopher Shippee, Ellen Lockwood, Carrie Buffington, Eva Matley, Lydia C. Drinkwater, E. Hannah Tucker, Alice C. Earle, Anna F. Matteson, Mary W. Weeden.

Swansea

Anna C. Eggleston, [illegible] [illegible], Simeon H. Luther, Janet Weir, Anna L. Kelsey, Martha A. Pugh

Providence

Augustine Jones, M. Augusta Jolley, Geo. H. [illegible], James A. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] B. [illegible] Valentine, E. Meader.

All of whom were present except five. For the absence of three of these reasons were assigned.

The Queries have been read and considered in this meeting. Min II

Osborne J. Hoffman returned at this time the minute granted him in 5 mo last for the attendance of the sessions of New York Yearly Meeting and with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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minute from the same body. All of which is satisfactory to us.

Min. to W. J. Robinson ret. William J. [illegible] Robinson returned the minute granted him on the 8th mo. last for attending the sessions of Wilmington and Ohio Yearly Meetings together with satisfactory endorsements from the same. All of which is acceptable to us.

Swansea Monthly Meeting informs us that they are united in judgment that the gift in the ministry of Nancy A. H. Chace should be acknowledged.

Ministry of Nancy A. H. Chace. This meeting concurs in the action of Swansea Monthly Meeting, and as all the requirements of our Discipline in the matter have been complied with, she is acknowledged a minister of the Gospel in our Society, and may be so recorded in Swansea Monthly Meeting.

The satisfactory report of the Evangelistic Committee shows faithful service in the field under their care with increasing interest in Bible work. The treasurer reports a balance on hand of [illegible]

Report of Evangelistic To replenish the treasury and carry forward the work already undertaken a collection was made amounting to

Having concluded the business coming before us at this time we adjourn, proposing to meet in East Greenwich at the usual time in the 5th mo next if the way permit.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1904

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo 5 1904.

By the accounts from our monthly meetings the representatives are, from

Rhode Island

Robert C. Wetherell, Emily A Holman John S. Kimber, Anna B. Macomber and Delia Kies — Min I. Representatives.

Greenwich

Anna Matteson Eva Mattley, Mary W. Weeden Alice C. Earle Ellen M. Schuler E. Annah Tucker Christopher A. Shippee Daniel Carpenter Ellen Lockwood

Swansea

Henry C. Aydelott Charles Estes, Eliza A Sisson, Obadiah Chace Nancy A. H. Chace

Providence

Charles Sisson Augustine Jones Mary L. Glass Louisa C. Meader, Elroy Chace Wm L. Bates John Paton.

Whose names being called all were found present except five.

The Queries were all read and considered. — Min 2 Queries

Owing to an oversight at our last meeting we now have appointed Phebe S. Aydelott, Augustine Jones, Anna L Manchester, and Lydia E. Drinkwater a committee to bring forward names for representatives to the Yearly Meeting, two members of the finance Committee Supt. of Bible Schools in the Quarterly Meeting, two members of advisory committe of the Foreign Mission Board an evangelistic Committee of our Quar. Meeting and a friend to act as treasurer of the Quar. Mtg for the unexpired term. — Min 3 Nom. Committee

This committee retired and later presented the following lists which with one change approved by the meeting were as follows, viz.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting — Reps. to Year. Mtg

Charles Sisson, M. Augusta Buttey, Mary E Kimber, Catherine J. Chapman, Annah Tucker, Moses L Buffington, Albert C. Macomber, Phebe S. Aydelott Louisa C. Meader, Ralph Earle Walter A. Meader, Annie Kelsey, Anna L. Manchester, Obadiah Chace Willis H. White.

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S.S. Supt Superintendent of Bible Schools Alice C. Earle
Fin. Com. Finance Committee Charles Jessen & Phebe G. Applebott,
Treas. Treasurer (for ensuing term) Charles A. Chace,
Ad. mems F.M.B. Advisory Members of Foreign Mission Board { Mead A. Kelsey, M. Augusta Batty.
Evangelistic Committee of the Quar. Meeting,
Evan. Com ~~Charles C. Chace~~ Edward J. Hoffman Chairman, E. Annah Tucker, ~~Edward~~ Charles A. ~~J. Hoffman~~ Chace Henry C. Applebott Anna J. Mallison Susan Peckham, M. Augusta Batty, Emma A. Barker, Mead A. Kelsey, Hannah R. Ladd, Alice M. Chace, Mary White Alice C. Earle Ralph Earle, all of whose nominations were approved by the meeting and the Friends named are hereby appointed to these respective duties.

Stock Min IV This meeting directs its treasurer to pay to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, the quota of stock remaining due.

Min V Statistics Filled statistical blanks from our several particular meetings have been received at this time and the clerk is directed to make out from these the required summary to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. The reports show our present no. of members to be 153. the same being a loss of 21 since last year.

Min VI The quarterly report of the Evangelistic Com. indicated much earnest service carried on under many difficulties, and with encouraging results. The treasurers report shows a balance of $0.72 seventy two cents.

To replenish the treasury and continue the good work a collection was taken amounting to $[illegible] Dollars.

Min VII Womens F. M. Soc. The report of our Womens Foreign Missionary Society was also read and directed to be placed on file. As heretofore it shows much earnest work among our various meetings.

We appoint Susan Peckham, Willis H. White, and Ellen M. Atwater a committee to audit and settle the treasurers account, propose a sum to be raised by this meeting the ensuing year, and also to nominate a treasurer, correspondent, and clerks of the Quarterly Meeting and report at our next meeting.

The same friends are requested also to transfer the

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books and funds from the former treasurer to Charles A Chace.

We are glad to welcome with us today our dear friends Alfred T. Ware Supt. of Evan. and Church Extension Work in our Year. Meeting, and Timothy B. Hussey Chairman of our Board of Foreign Missions. Their Company and messages of love have been very helpful and much appreciated by us all. Min VIII Visitors

And now having concluded the business coming before us we adjourn proposing to meet in Newport at the usual time in the 6th mo. next if the Lord permit Concluding Minute.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Yearly Meeting Summary

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends met to be held at Providence.

Dear Friends,

The Queries have been read and considered in our meetings the prescribed number of times during the year. From the reports received from our subordinate meetings we have compiled the accompanying report on the state of society which with matters of statistical and other information we direct forwarded to you by our representatives who are (See Min. III also page 511)

We have appointed an Evangelistic Committee whose Chairman, ~~[illegible]~~ becomes an advisory member of our Evangelistic and Church Extension Board.

We have reappointed Alice C. Earle [illegible] Superintendent of Bible Schools. We have also appointed Charles [illegible] and [illegible] S. [illegible] members of the finance Committee, and Mead A Kelsey and M. Augusta Battey advisory members of the Foreign Mission Board.

This meeting directs its treasurer to pay our quota of Stock remaining due.

Summary on the State of Society

1st Spiritual Condition of the Membership.

The reports from our different meeting record such

over.

statements as these. "We think the membership as a whole has advanced spiritually" — "We rejoice in the belief that there are evidences of life among us, a growing regard for the truths of the Bible and a more earnest desire to walk day by day in the fear of the Lord." — "There is an evidence of the fruits of the Spirit in the growing interest manifested in best things" — "While much earnestness is manifest in our meetings, some Friends feel the lack of periods of silent waiting for the more immediate guidance of the Holy Spirit." Another reports the spiritual life of the meeting equal if not better than in former times, and the character of the ministry is uplifting.

2nd Attendance upon Public Worship.

With a very few exceptions owing to severe weather all our regularly established meetings have been punctually held. The attendance seems to have been usually good, though some exceptions are reported respecting the mid-week and business sessions.

One meeting records an increasing attendance of non-members.

3rd Of Family Devotions.

The reports state that many families are faithful in maintaining family devotions but evidently no canvass has been made to learn how many are lacking in this Christian duty.

4th The Relation of Members to one another and to the World.

The maintenance of Christian love and friendly feeling among our members as well as upright dealing towards all, appears to have been our general concern, though some exceptions must be noted which has claimed prayerful attention.

5th The Work in which the Members are Engaged.

The following facts are reported.

"Members actively engaged in mission work which bears evidence of some abiding fruit" "Sustained interest in the study of Bible School lessons" "One new Bible class formed," — "Holding of First day evening meetings for study of Bible Lands and history connected with them, with the result of hearts being drawn towards Him who still guides his people and appoints their fields of service" — "Monthly Missionary Meetings regularly held and well attended"

Location.	Superintendent	Monthly Meeting	No. of months included	Membership	Average Attendance	number of Classes	number of Friends	Teachers' Meetings?	Volumes in Library	Rally Day?	Lesson Helps	Temperance Lessons?	Peace?	Childrens' Day?	Amount of Collection	For missionary Purposes.	Home Department
Providence,	Willis H. White 287 Highland Ave.		10	45	29	4	36								45.61	32.98	22
Fall River,	Phebe S. Aydelott 344 Rock St.	Swansea	12	68	39¾	10	28		265	Yes	P.&c	4		yes	54.49		54
So. Somerset,	G. Mahlon Chace Fall River		12	124	53	9	O.&J. 13		350	Yes	D.C.R.	4		Yes	54.41	3.02	48
Portsmouth,	Hannah C. Borden Melville Station, Newport	R.I.	12	96	48	7	68		300	No.	Pelou.	4	2	Yes	60.32	16.08	36
Freetown,	Mary K. Talbot Segreganset	Swansea	12	31	16	3	nearly all		150						8.78		
Stafford Road.	Sarah B. Cory 298 Stafford Road Tiverton, R.I.		12	27	17	5	16		90	Yes	Inter				22.74		
Anthony -	M. L. Buffington Anthony R.I.	Greenwich	12	48	24	4	18	Once a week	154						31.09	8.25	
Saylesville	Thomas J. Jackson	Prov.	12	27	27	3	31							yes	20.32		86

C. Kelsey gave an address on "Prayer and Missions,"
d Ella F. Larson of Newport told of her call to the West Ind
here she has since gone. The offerings amounted to
7.00. We would encourage the organization of auxilia
en where they must be small.

Tiverton and Warwick have each one regular and
norary members but the former, now but about two
ars old, raised during the past year, $55.29 and the
ter but a few months organized, contributed $11.00.

Your Vice President has visited three of the auxiliaries
(not including her own), and in this way as well as by
correspondence, has noted with thankfulness a deepening
spiritual life throughout our borders. The convict
believe that we should first pray and labor for the
conversion of the membership itself if we would do ac
ceptable work for the Master, and we believe that the
standard for our membership should be no lower than
that of the Church, of which it is a part, a change of
heart. Everything else will then follow in its proper ord

We surely all agree that the most important object
the Missionary Society should be prevailing prayer and
we can readily see that this result can only be obtained
through unity of the Spirit. The blessing of the Lord whi
maketh rich" will attend those who honor Him, finance
s well, since "where our treasure is there will our hea
e also," and it is the heart that influences the pocket
book. In one auxiliary where this course has be
adopted the membership has increased and the con
tributions almost doubled. It remains to be true
them that honor me I will honor."

Mary E. Kimber
Vice President R. I. Quar.

The Annual Report of the W. F. M. Society.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

As the time for our Annual Report draws near, we feel like commencing it with a note of thanksgiving for the good hand of our God upon us during the past year.

We have nine auxiliaries in our Quarterly Meeting, the same as last year; a new and prosperous one has been organized at Greenwich, which however does not increase our numbers, as East Greenwich has laid down its organization but they report "this does not imply no interest in Missions or no contributions."

Our regular membership numbers 108 a loss of six since last year; honorary members 27, one less than last year.

Twenty-eight Public Meetings have been held, a gain of three since last year.

The amount of money raised during the year was $650. a gain of $88.30. Amount used for current expenses and materials to send to our Mission Stations $71.77.

Seven auxiliaries carry on the three departments of literature, systematic giving and juvenile.

Five auxiliaries report using either Rex Christus or the study of China, and others report the study of missions through the pages of the Missionary Advocate and other sources of information.

Portsmouth, Stafford Road and Tiverton united in the support of Azmund Sufiy at Ramallah.

One Quarterly Meeting Conference was held at Newport in the eighth month addressed by Wilbur A. Estes of China, Abigail Goddard now in India and Elizabeth Jenkins President of the Ohio Board.

One Monthly Meeting Conference was also held at Portsmouth in the first month. Papers and short addresses were given in the afternoon and in the evening [illegible]

with the interest fully maintained"—
"Social life fostered by the meetings held on 7th day evenings after Monthly Meetings with interesting papers read and discussed.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Eighth Month, 1904.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport R.I. 8th mo. 4, 1904 Min. I

By the accounts from our monthly meetings the representatives are from. Representatives

Rhode Island,
Elizabeth Hutchison, Joseph E. Macomber Delia Rees and Joseph T. Anthony.

Greenwich
Mary W. Weeden, Mary A. Gould Anna F. Mattison, Alice C. Earle Christopher A. Shippee Lydia C. Drinkwater Carrie E. Buffington.

Swansea
Obadiah Chace H. Emma Skinner Charles Estes Frances A. Estes, Jennette Weir, Lizzie Luther. Nancy A. H. Chace, Elizabeth Austin

Providence
Sarah J. Hanson, John Paton, Susan Peckham, Thomas G. Jackson, Elizabeth A. Gifford. Charles Sisson.
Whose names being called all were found to be present except six.

The Clerk being absent Susan Peckham was appointed to serve for the day & Phebe S. [illegible] as assistant. Min. II Clerk.

The committee on nominations reported the following list of officers for the ensuing year their report is as follows. Min III Nomination.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Newport Dear Friends:—

The Committee appointed in 5th mo last to audit the Treasurers account and transfer the Treasurer's book together with vouchers and balances on hand to the new Treasurer, to propose names for Clerk Assistant Clerk, Treasurer and correspondent for the ensuing year; also to estimate the amount of money required for the Quarterly Meeting during the coming year are united in presenting the following report:—

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The Treasurer's account has been audited to date and found correct. The books vouchers and cash on hand have been turned over to the present treasurer Charles A. Chace.

They also propose the following list of officers:-

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk
Susan Peckham Assistant Clerk
Charles A. Chace, Treasurer
Laura B. Aydelott Correspondent

and recommend that the sum of $650 be raised for the use of the Quarterly Meeting for the ensuing year.

Willis H. White
Susan Peckham
Ellen M. Atwater

The report was accepted and the friends therein named were appointed to their respective stations. The recommendations as to finance were also approved, and the clerk was directed to inform the Monthly Meetings and include the extracts from the clerk of our late Yearly Meeting as contained in his communications herewith inserted as follows.

Min. 10 Assistance to W. J. Sayers

Charles A. Chace on behalf of the Committee appointed one year ago to have the necessary care in the case of William J. Sayers report that they furnished him with $25 to enable him to carry out his concern which this meeting approves and directs its treasurer to pay the same.

Min. 1 Ministers attending

We have with us at this time the acceptable company of Albert A. Bailey, with a minute from Fruitland Mo. Meeting endorsed by Cottonwood Quarterly Meeting Kansas, and of Lydia A. Foye of China Mo. Meeting Maine, both duly recorded as ministers of the gospel by their respective meetings. The services of these dear friends together with those of others from outside our own limits have been helpful and inspiring to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish them returning minutes.

Min. 11 Evangelistic Committee

The report of the Evangelistic Committee and also that of its treasurer have been received and approved.
Balance in the treasury $6.52.

An offering was made for the use of this Committee

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amounting to $47.91.

Min VII
Anna Frances
Mattson
ministry
approv.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs us that they are united in acknowledging the gift in the ministry of Anna Frances Mattson and request our concurrence.

This meeting concurs in the action of Greenwich Monthly, and as all the requirements of the Discipline in the matter have now been complied with, she is acknowledged a minister of the gospel and may be so recorded in her own meeting.

Min VIII
Queries +
Conclusion

The Queries have been read and considered.

Having been permitted with divine assistance to accomplish the business presented, we conclude proposing to meet in Fall River at the usual time in the 11th mo next, if the Lord permit.

Susan Peckham,
Clerk for the day.

Eleventh Month 1904.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11th mo. 3rd 1904

By the accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are from

Rhode Island

Angie Kault, Cordelia Lawrence, Joseph S. Anthony and Isaac B. Macomber,

Greenwich

Annie Merrill, Christopher Shippee Morris Arnold, Anna F. Matteson, Lydia E. Drinkwater, Carrie Buffington and Alice E. Stevens.

Swansea

Min. 1 Reps. Obadiah Chace, Elizabeth S. Newton, Eliza A Sisson, Anna L. Kelsey, Ralph Earle, Mary K. Talbot, A. Felix Burns, Thomas A. Briggs Flora Read, Elizabeth Anslow

Providence

Emily S. White, Mary S. Glasse, Charles Sisson, James H. Chace, Wm. L. Bates, Louisa N. Meader, Geo. Wilkie.

Whose names being called, all were found to be present except seven; for the absence of one a reason was assigned.

Min 11 Queries The Queries have been read and considered at this time.

Min 11 Strangers present welcomed. We record with pleasure the presence with us of dear Friends from outside our own limits among whom the services of Alfred Tare our Yearly Meeting Supt. of Evangelistic work, have been especially illuminating and helpful.

Min 12 Change of time We hereby grant a request from Greenwich, that its Monthly Meeting be hereafter held on the last 4th day in each month at 2 o'clock P.M. instead of the last 7th day at 2-30 as heretofore, with the provision for this and all the other Monthly Meetings that if the Yearly Meeting at any time interferes with the regular time of their convening, each one may set a day for its meeting that shall not thus conflict. The clerk is directed to extend this decision to each of our Monthly Meetings.

Providence Mo. Meeting informs us that it has changed the hour of holding the First-day Morning Meeting in Providence from 11 o'clock to 10.45 A.M.

Eleventh Month, 1904

We authorize the Clerk to procure a new record book for this meeting and draw on our treasury for its cost. Min V Record Book

The report of the Evangelistic Committee, gave an encouraging account of the progress of the work under their care, Min. VI

The Treasurers Report showed an expenditure of $47.00 and a balance on hand of $0.53.

A collection amounting to $39.85 (Thirty nine & 85/100 dollars) was taken up for the furtherance of the good work.

The subject of the disposition of the Quarterly Meetings tent having been brought to our notice, we authorize our Evangelistic Committee to make such disposal of it as may seem to them best. Q.M's. tent.

Having now concluded the business coming before us, and grateful for the interest shown by our membership and for the weighty counsel of our ministry, we adjourn, proposing to meet at the usual time in Providence in the 2nd mo. next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Second Month 1905.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Providence 2 mo. 2nd 1905.

By the accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are from Rhode Island Elwood G. Macomber, Isaac L. Fish Elizabeth Hutchison, Angeline Kaull, & Richard R. Macomber

Greenwich

Min. I Mary W. Weeden, Alice E. Stevens, Anna Merrill
Rep. Sarah M. Carpenter, Anna F. Matteson, Carrie G. Buffington, Lydia E. Drinkwater, & Christopher A. Shippee

Swansea

Phineas D. Fletcher, Lemuel Chase, Mead A. Kelsey, Mary K. Talbot, Algaida L. Strange & Obadiah Chace

Providence

*William H. Butler, Charles Sisson, Alfred H. Taber Sarah J. Hanson, S. Caroline Tobey, Hattie E. Jacot Minnie Taylor, Charles P. Roundy,

who are all present except four. For the absence of two satisfactory reason was given.

The clerk being absent Susan Peckham
Min. II was appointed to serve for the day.

The queries have been read at this time
Min. III The report of the Evangelistic Committee was read and approved. It showed no apparent gain in the smaller meetings but told of special and interesting work being done within the limits of the Quarterly
Min. IV Meeting. The Treasurer's report showed $54.38
Evan. Rep. collected and contributed, and an expenditure of $54.00 leaving a balance of $0.38 {A collection was taken up amounting to $45.31.

Our dear friends, William and Susan J. Thompson are in attendance of this meeting with a
Min. V minute of unity from New Bedford Monthly
W & S. Thompson Meeting. We have been greatly encouraged by their ministry.

We appoint Mary E. Kimber, Hannah E. Borden
Min. VI J. Nelson Chace, Phebe S. Clydelott, E. Annah Tucker
Nom. Com. Alice E. Stephens, Sarah J. Hanson & Charles W. Jacot a nominating committee to bring forward at our next meeting the names of friends for our Evangelistic Committee, a Superintendent of Bible Schools, two members of a finance committee

representatives to the Quarterly Meeting, and two advisory members of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Having accomplished the business brought before us, and gratefully acknowledging the helpful presence of the Lord we conclude proposing to meet at the usual time in Greenwich in the 5 mo next, if the Lord permit

Susan Peckham
Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at East Greenwich 5mo 4, 1905

By the accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are from,

Rhode Island

Annie C. Sherman, Mary W. Macomber, Isaac B. Macomber and John S. Kimber.

Greenwich

Alice E. Stevens, Carrie G. Buffinton, Ellen M. Atwater Anna Merrill, Christopher A. Shippee

Min. 1 E. Annah Tucker, Lydia E. Drinkwater.

Swansea

Charles A. Chace H. Emma Skinner, Mead A. Kelsey Henry C. Aydelott Thomas A. Buggs, Phebe S. Aydelott.

Providence

S. Caroline Tobey, Mary S. Glasse, Arthur L. Hagg. Willis H. White John Paton Minnie Taylor Wm L. Bates.

All of whom were in attendance except two.

Min. II The Queries were all read and considered

Min III The nominating committee appointed in 2nd mo

Nom. Com. reported as follows.

For representatives to the Yearly Meeting

Charles Sisson, Alice E. Stevens, Augustine

Reps. Jones, George G. Williams, Louisa N. Meader, Charles A. Chace William H. Butler, Mary E. Kimber Seth K. Gifford, E. Annah Tucker, Thomas J. Battey, Mead A. Kelsey, Phebe S. Aydelott, Christopher A. Shippee, Myra A. Gifford.

Supt. of Bible Schools

Alice E. Stevens.

Evangelistic Committee

Charles A. Chace, E. Annah Tucker,

Evan. Com. Henry C. Aydelott, Susan Peckham, M. Augusta Battey, Mead A. Kelsey, Hannah P. Ladd, Alice E. Stevens Annie C. Sherman, Minnie Taylor Edith Earle, William H. Butler, & Mary E. Kimber

Two members of Committee on Finance

Charles Sisson Phebe S. Aydelott.

Two advisory members of the Board of Foreign Missions

Mead A. Kelsey and M. Augusta Battey.

The report is satisfactory and the persons named are hereby appointed to their respective services.

Fifth Month 1905

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs us that
Alice E. Stevens has a prospect of attending New — Min IV
York Yearly Meeting and some other meetings within
its limits of which they approve. — Releasing
Swansea Monthly Meeting also informs us that — Alice E Stevens
Mead A Kelsey has a prospect of attending the sessions — & Mead A. Kelsey.
of New York Yearly Meeting of which it approves.
This meeting unites with these Monthly Meetings
in releasing our friends for their intended service, and directs
its clerk to furnish them with the proper credentials.

We appoint Isaac B. Macomber, Moses L. Buffinton — Min V
Henry C. Aydelott, Willis H. White, a committee to — Nom.
audit and settle the Treasurer's account, propose — Com.
a sum to be raised by this meeting the
ensuing year, and also to nominate a
Treasurer, Correspondent and Clerks of the Quarterly
Meeting, and report at our meeting in the 8th month — Min VI

The report of the Evangelistic Committee — Rep
recognizes the results of faithful ministry in — of Evan. Com.
its various forms and asks for added funds
for carrying on the work. A collection for this
purpose was taken amounting to ($27.72) Twenty
seven and $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars. — Min VII

The Treasurer's report showed an expenditure of — Min
$45.00 with balance on hand of 69¢. — Rep of
The Annual Report of the Womens Foreign — W.F.M.S.
Missionary Society was read at this time, & showed
much interest and earnest effort along the
varied lines of Missionary work under their care.
It is directed to be preserved among our records. — Min VIII

This meeting directs its Treasurer to pay the — Stock.
balance of our quota of Yearly Meeting Stock called
for last year.

E. Talmadge Root of the organization — Min IX
called "The Federation of the Churches of R.I." presented the — Fed. of Churches
claims of that body to our attention, and we have
decided to appoint Willis H. White to represent the
Society of Friends in R.I. in their Council. — Min X

We record with satisfaction the company and — J Bean
services of our dear friend Joel Bean from California, whom
we are glad to welcome to the Quarterly Meeting of which he
was once a member.

Fifth Month, 1905.

Min XI We also record the acceptable company of our
J. McPherson friend Jesse McPherson, visiting this meeting on behalf
of the Executive Committee of the Yearly Meetings
Evangelistic Com.

Filled statistical blanks from our several
Monthly Meetings have been received and the
Min XII clerk is directed to make out from them the
Statistics required summary to be forwarded to the Yearly
Meeting. The reports show our present number
of members to be 943. or 10 less than last year.

Having accomplished the business coming
Min XIII before us we adjourn, proposing to meet
Concl. Min at the usual time at Newport in the 8th mo next,
if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Summary on the State of Society
and other matters for the Yearly Meeting.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends
next to be held in Portland,
Dear Friends

The Queries have been read in this
Min I meeting the prescribed number of times
during the year.

From the reports received from our subordinate
meetings we have prepared the
accompanying summary on the state of
Society, which with matters of statistical
and other information we direct forwarded
to you by our representatives who are (see list p. 522)

Min II We have appointed an Evangelistic Committee
whose chairman, Charles A. Chase becomes an
Min III advisory member of your Evangelistic and
Church Extension Board.

We have appointed Alice E. Stevens, of Fiskeville, R.I.
our Superintendent of Bible Schools.

We have also appointed Charles Sisson and
Phebe T. Aydelott, members of the Finance Com
and Mead A. Kelsey and M. Auguste Battey, Ad. com members of the
Foreign Mission Board.

This meeting directs its treasurer to pay yours the
Min IV balance of stock remaining due.

Summary on the State of Society.

First Spiritual Condition of the Membership.

The reports from different meetings record such statements as these. "We note some progress in the spiritual condition of our membership." "The spiritual condition and life of our congregations are grounds of hopefulness for the future - there is a quickening, not to say growth in spiritual life". "There has been manifestly a deepening in spiritual life". Another meeting reports a "sense of gratitude for having been guided and strengthened on every hand."

Second Attendance on Public Worship

Three meetings report increased attendance, One that it is "fairly good" and the rest appear to intimate that the attendance continues about the same. One says, "Most meetings have been sustained, as usual by the few faithful members, assisted by outsiders who enter into and enjoy our mode of worship." The same is true of other meetings as well. No omission of regularly appointed meetings is reported, but the midweek and business meetings have been small.

Third On Family Devotions.

Only two of our four Monthly Meetings make any report on this topic. One of them says, "We believe that most of our members practice family devotions; and the other that, "Family worship is observed by some of our families, but is by no means so general as it ought to be," and this last statement may be taken as typical of all our meetings.

Fourth Relation of Members to one another & the World.

The reports indicate a very general degree of harmony among our membership though with some exception in a few meetings, in two of which, however, a decided gain is noticed.

Fifth The Work in which the Members are Engaged

The following facts are reported—

"Work of young people in two meetings prosperous".

"The Bible Schools in several meetings doing efficient work"

"Strong interest in Home and Foreign Missions" "Bible Schools, Peace and Temperance Work receiving good attention."

"One adult Bible Class increased in attendance." "Four members of Womens Foreign Missionary Society in one meeting have gone out on religious service two to the West Indies, one among the poor whites and colored people of North Carolina, and a fourth in rescue work."

One meeting speaks of "efficiency and enthusiasm in the Bible School;" another "of hearty appreciation of instruction given by an earnest christian, not a member of the meeting, and of contributions made to our mission work by individual members.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

To Rhode Island Quarterly meeting next to be held at East Greenwich

Dear friends

Your Vice President of the Womens Foreign missionary society for Rhode Island Quarterly meeting submits the following report.

Our nine auxiliaries have held regular meetings during the past year, with the exception of three which were unable to do so, during the winter months.

The amount of money raised during the year was $455.49

One childrens' missionary society has been editing a paper entitled the "Childrens missionary Chronicle".

Ella Larson who went out from Newport, has entered upon her second year in Saba, West Indies, where she is teaching about 47 children and seeking to lead them to Christ, and in spite of her youth, and much of loneliness and hardship, her testimony is one of victory and praise!

Charles and Helga Nelson

To Rhode Island Quarterly meeting
next to be held at East Greenwich

Dear friends

Your Vice President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society for Rhode Island Quarterly meeting, submits the following report. Our nine auxiliaries have held regular meetings during the past year, with the exception of three which were unable to do so during the winter months.

The amount of money raised during the year was $455.49-

This was raised by membership fees, thank offering boxes, collections, donations, sale of articles, birthday box and thank offerings.

Number of regular members 136 (4 of whom are life mem twenty two less than last year

number of honoraries 18, five less than last year.

Thirty public meetings have been held.

Four auxiliaries report that they carry on the three departments of work, Literature, Systematic Giving and Juvenile.

One reports work in two departments

Thirty five dollars out of the sum raised this year, was

en; forward Dr Goddards'
upport in India.

Many interesting letters have been received during the year from Ramallah, Dr Goddard in India Wilburn Estes in China, some from the West Indies and other places - these have served as a great inspiration in our missionary meetings - our auxiliary has organized a home department for the circulation of such letters among the "shut ins", which has been appreciated by these.

$21.87 was spent for curre expenses ~~and material~~ and materials to be sent to our mission stations.

With the visitors to Ramalla many ~~interesting~~ valuable gifts were sent out.

The auxiliaries at Portsmouth, Tiverton and Newport have exchanged visits with prof

Since last report five of our members have visited the Hol Land and bring back enco aging reports of the work there.

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Charles and Helga Ohlson

members of the same auxiliary felt called of God during the past year to the West Indies and South America, and are laboring on the Island of Trinidad with blessed results on them.

Two of our ministers have recently visited these fields.

~~The connection deepens~~ !

We would like to encourage our members in the writing of letters to our missionaries; from their frequent expressions on this subject, we all convinced that it would bring cheer and comfort and encouragement, in many a lonely and tested hour. Many can pray too for these dear ones who are "at the front".

The conviction deepens that we should seek to lead any of those who feel the call of God to the foreign field, to receive the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, before going

ont, therefor we should
and emphasize this h
in our missionary meet
We are grateful to belie
that the Lord of the Ha
is answering prayer an
thrusting forth laborers i
His harvest field.

Mary E. Kimber
Vice Pres. of the W. F. M. S.
R. I. Quarterly meeting.

E. Greenwich,

List of Ministers in R.I. Quarterly Meeting

Annabella E. Winn Germantown Pa.
Delia Rees Portsmouth R.I.
Osborne J. Hoffman " "
John S. Kimber Newport "
Mary E. " "
Geo. G. Williams 48 Everett " "
Wm H. Perry Wakefield "
Alice C. Earle Fiskeville R.I.
E. Annah Tucker East Greenwich R.I.
Mead A. Kelsey Pottersville Mass.
Obadiah Chace Box 355 Fall River
Henry C. Aydelott 344 Rock St "
Phebe S. " " "
Wm J. Sayres Box 309 " "
Alice M Coleman 488 Durfee St Fall River Mass
Phebe R Gifford 32 Larch St Port R.I.
Rob P. " " " " "
Robert B Hanson East Port. Center "
Thomas Y. Jackson Lime Rock "
Thomas J. Battey Friends School "